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Global Alliance for Arts & Health Announces Tour of Photography Exhibition *Aging Across America*

Washington, DC, 20 November 2012—The Global Alliance for Arts & Health announced a call for host applications for the tour of *Aging Across America*, a series of photographs by gerontologist and acclaimed photographer Jeffrey Levine, MD. The tour, supported by a grant from MetLife Foundation, will commence in early 2013 and visit six teaching hospitals across the United States throughout 2013 and early 2014. The host period for each site is two months.

The purpose of *Aging Across America* is to raise visibility regarding the issues affecting older adults, the nation's fastest-growing demographic. Dr. Levine's medical and artistic experience has centered on this population, and each tour stop will be accompanied by his Grand Rounds lecture emphasizing the importance of humanistic medicine, especially in addressing the specific needs of older individuals. To increase the broader public's familiarity with the multiple dimensions of aging, potential host sites will also be required to propose a supplemental, community-based project, program, or other initiative to coincide with the host period.

Global Alliance executive director Anita Boles describes the exhibition's significance: "The photographs in *Aging Across America* serve as a necessary reminder of the presence of older adults in this country—documenting the health issues and stigmatization they face while also providing a stunning record of their vitality and diversity. By embracing these complexities, the show exemplifies how art forces us to interrogate our own ideas and perceptions. It is our belief that the images will spark conversations rooted in compassion that lead to action."

To accommodate venues with space limitations, *Aging Across America* will be available in series of 10, 15, or 20 framed photographs. Institutions interested in applying to host the show should contact Donna Glassford at donna@thesah.org for an application and complete details.

About the Global Alliance for Arts & Health:

The Global Alliance for Arts & Health (formerly the Society for the Arts in Healthcare) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 international organization based in Washington, DC, USA. Founded in 1989, the Global Alliance is dedicated to advancing the arts and health field for the benefit of individuals and communities worldwide. The organization provides mentorship in the form of grants and resources, consulting services, and conferences and symposia designed to reach a wide range of individuals and organizations engaged in the arts and health field. Global Alliance members, including artists and health professionals, serve patients, families, and communities around the world. For more information, visit <http://www.thesah.org>.

About MetLife Foundation:

MetLife Foundation was established in 1976 to continue MetLife's longstanding tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement. The Foundation's commitment to building a secure future for individuals and communities worldwide is reflected in its dedication to empowering older adults, preparing young people and building livable communities. Since it was established, MetLife Foundation has provided more than \$530 million in grants and \$70 million in program-related investments to nonprofit organizations

addressing issues that have a positive impact in their communities. For more information, visit www.metlife.org.

About Jeffrey Levine, MD:

Dr. Jeffrey Levine is an internist and geriatrician in New York City. Trained in geriatrics at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan under Robert N. Butler, he is on the teaching staff Beth Israel Hospital and holds the rank of Assistant Professor of Medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Center. Dr. Levine has an interest in art as applied to medicine and medical education. In New York City, he studied at the Art Students League, the School of Visual Arts, and the International Center for Photography. He has photographed older adults in his medical practice and throughout the United States and internationally. His images have caught the attention of the caregiving community, as they touch the heart of anyone concerned about our aging patients and loved ones. Beyond the traveling exhibition *Aging Across America*, his photographs have been featured in textbooks and journals, including on many medical magazine covers. For more information and to view Dr. Levine's photography, visit <http://www.levinemdphotos.com>.