

# GENWORTH FINANCIAL INC

Reported by  
**JOELSON RONALD PETER**

## FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	6620 WEST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VA 23230
Telephone	804-281-6000
CIK	0001276520
Symbol	GNW
SIC Code	6311 - Life Insurance
Industry	Insurance (Life)
Sector	Financial
Fiscal Year	12/31

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a)  
of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment  
Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  <b>Joelson Ronald Peter</b>  <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>C/O GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC., 6620 WEST BROAD STREET</b>  <small>(Street)</small> <b>RICHMOND, VA 23230</b>  <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)  <b>12/1/2008</b>	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  <b>GENWORTH FINANCIAL INC [GNW]</b>
4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>SVP - Chief Investment Officer /</b>		
5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)			

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Explanation of Responses:**

**Remarks:**

No securities are beneficially owned.  
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**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Joelson Ronald Peter C/O GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC. 6620 WEST BROAD STREET</b>			<b>SVP - Chief Investment Officer</b>	

**Signatures**

**Christine A. Ness, by power of attorney**

**12/5/2008**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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December 1, 2008

Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549  
Re: Authorization to Sign Rule 16 Forms  
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To whom it may concern:

I am the Senior Vice President -- Chief Investment Officer of Genworth Financial, Inc. ("Genworth") effective December 1, 2008 and, until further written notice, I hereby individually authorize Leon E. Roday (Genworth's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary), Richard J. Oelhafen, Jr. (Genworth's Vice President and Assistant Secretary) and Christine A. Ness (Genworth's Assistant Secretary) to sign on my behalf a Form 3 and any Form 4 or Form 5 or related form that I have filed or may file hereafter in connection with my direct or indirect beneficial ownership of Genworth securities, and to take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which in his or her opinion may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ronald P. Joelson

Ronald P. Joelson