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Saint Luke's Foundation Awards Nearly \$800,000 in Community Grants

Also Announces Eighth 'Transformational' Initiative

CLEVELAND, July 22, 2008 – In its second grantmaking cycle for 2008, Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio, awarded nearly \$800,000 to 15 organizations – several of which are dedicating efforts to foreclosure prevention and low-income housing in various Cleveland neighborhoods. Saint Luke's Foundation also announced support of the East Cleveland Public Library, a unique opportunity to advance the mission of a valuable community resource.

In the same grant cycle, the Saint Luke's Foundation also announced a \$916,000, 10-year grant to the University Hospitals Case Medical Center's (UHCMC) Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to create the Timothy L. Stephens, Jr., MD, Orthopaedic Fellowship. This unique grant, Saint Luke's Foundations eighth "transformational" initiative, is designed to increase the number of African-American medical students pursuing careers in orthopaedic medicine.

The 15 community grants, as well as the recently announced transformational initiative, exemplify the Saint Luke's Foundation's commitment to transforming the health and well being of individuals, families and communities throughout Greater Cleveland.

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“We’re facing a very troubling housing situation in several Cleveland neighborhoods, and many of the programs we’ve supported in this funding cycle will help prevent foreclosure and provide affordable housing options to those in need,” said Denise San Antonio Zeman, president and CEO of Saint Luke’s Foundation. “Saint Luke’s is excited to cultivate these organizations as they’re providing such timely, necessary solutions to very real, very current problems.”

Saint Luke’s Foundation allocated \$50,000 to the Cleveland Housing Network, an organization committed to developing housing for low-income Clevelanders; \$50,000 to the East Side Organizing Project, a foreclosure prevention project; \$35,000 to Family Transitional Housing, which is merging its programming with the West Side Catholic Center to provide transitional housing and support to low-income families; \$45,000 to Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio, an organization that provides housing options to the physically disabled; \$35,000 to the Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, an organization that serves the homeless population in Cleveland; and \$100,000 to Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc., a program that provides affordable housing to the low income, mentally ill and disabled.

The Saint Luke’s Foundation also provided a \$100,000 grant to the East Cleveland Public Library for its development of programs within The Debra Ann November Learning Center. “The funding for the East Cleveland Public Library is a very special initiative – that library plays a critical role in re-engaging and strengthening the East Cleveland community,” Ms. San Antonio Zeman said.

The Foundation allocated first-time funding to four organizations – Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio, Volunteers of America, East Side Organizing Project, and Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc. LaTida Lester, Senior Program Officer-Community Grants, noted the significance of four “first time” grantees in this cycle. “We are constantly looking to expand our grantee base and develop new partnership with nonprofits whose programs align with our areas of focus. We are thrilled to add these nonprofits to our community grants portfolio.”

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Grants awarded in this cycle:

The City Club of Cleveland	\$23,500	Program Support
Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center	\$47,314	Program Support
Cleveland Housing Network	\$50,000	Operating Support
Connections	\$100,000	Capacity Building – Technology Development
East Cleveland Public Library	\$100,000	Operating Support
East Side Organizing Project	\$50,000	Program Support
Emerald Development & Economic Network, Inc.	\$100,000	Capital Support
Family Transitional Housing	\$35,000	Capacity Building
Maximum Accessible Housing	\$45,000	Capital Support
Murtis H. Taylor Multi-Service Center	\$35,000	Capacity Building
Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	\$69,300	Program Support
The Old Stone Foundation	\$23,200	Program Support
Shoes and Clothes for Kids	\$32,000	Operating Support
Vocational Guidance Services	\$30,000	Program Support
Volunteers of America	\$35,000	Program Support

About Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio

With more than 10 years of grantmaking in the community, Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland is a community-based private foundation that collaborates with nonprofit organizations and community leaders to address relevant issues and offer sustainable solutions in Greater Cleveland. The organization's mission is focused on improving the health and well being of individuals, families, and communities. Since 1997, when it was established with the assets from the sale of the Saint Luke's Medical Center, the Foundation has awarded more than \$64 million in grants in Mt. Pleasant, Buckeye-Larchmere, Woodland Hills, and other neighborhoods in Greater Cleveland and throughout Northeast Ohio. Additional information on the work of Saint Luke's Foundation is available on the Foundation's Web site: www.saintlukesfoundation.org.

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