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Over \$1.2 Million in New Grants Announced by Saint Luke's Foundation
More than 20 Cleveland Organizations Benefit; Strong Focus on Housing & Children Services

CLEVELAND, Nov. 13, 2008 – Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio, has announced grants in its third grantmaking cycle for 2008, awarding over \$1.2 million to 23 Cleveland-area organizations. This final grantmaking cycle of the year focused strongly on supporting housing and children services, underscoring the Foundation's mission to improve and transform the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities throughout Greater Cleveland.

"The Saint Luke's Foundation is committed to providing Cleveland citizens with improved access to healthcare, housing and other vital needs," said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO of Saint Luke's Foundation. "We are focusing our investments on a wide range of top-notch organizations that are working hard to ensure a healthier future for people throughout Greater Cleveland."

From healthcare to housing to prevention of abuse, seven grants awarded this cycle focused on Cleveland's children. A \$50,000 grant was awarded to Providence House, Inc., to sponsor a bed at the crisis nursery, an emergency shelter for newborn to age five children. "If we can have a positive impact on even just one child, we're positively impacting the strength and vitality of Cleveland's future," Ms. Zeman said.

Other grants that focused on children's needs included \$60,000 to The Covenant, a support program for adolescents with substance abuse; \$50,000 to United Cerebral Palsy Association to fund Steps to Independence, a therapy program that promotes maximum functioning for children with motor disorders; \$75,000 to Bellflower Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, an organization dedicated to child abuse prevention and treatment programs; \$30,000 to Greater Cleveland Council Boy Scouts to support a new "Scoutreach" program in Mount Pleasant; \$50,000 to Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland; and \$25,000 to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and its Toddler Rock program that provides music therapy to Cleveland Head Start students.

"In this cycle, we also provide support to a number of housing and related programs and services, illustrating our commitment to addressing the most pressing needs within our community," said LaTida Lester, senior program officer, community grants. The six grants included funding to Joseph's Home, an organization that provides transitional housing for recuperating homeless men; Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, to provide emergency shelter and services to homeless men; New Life Community, to support teaching and empowering homeless, jobless families to transition to self-sufficiency; Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, to provide funding for the construction of housing for Cleveland families; Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., an initiative that provides housing and human services to chronically homeless citizens; and Cuyahoga County Family-to-Family Administrator's Council, to fund evaluation of its Neighbor-to-Neighbor program.

Saint Luke's Foundation awarded 57 grants to organizations during 2008. Grants awarded in this cycle (those shown with an asterisk are first-time grantees):

Bellflower Center	\$75,000	Operating Support
Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland	\$50,000	Operating Support
Business Volunteers Unlimited	\$85,000	Operating Support
The Center for Community Solutions	\$65,000	Operating Support - AIDS Funding Collaborative

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The Center for Community Solutions	\$20,000	Capital Support
Cleveland Clinic Foundation	\$80,000	Program Support – Comprehensive Sickle Cell Anemia Program
*Cleveland Leadership Center	\$50,000	Program Support
*Cleveland Saves	\$50,000	Program Support
The Covenant	\$60,000	Operating Support
Cuyahoga County Family-to-Family Administrator's Council	\$50,000	Capacity Building – Neighbor-to-Neighbor
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.	\$75,000	Capacity Building – Housing First Initiative Funding
Fairhill Center for the Aging	\$75,000	Program Support – Fairhill School for Caregivers
*Far West Center	\$25,000	Program Support – Bridge to the Future Initiative
Greater Cleveland Council Boy Scouts	\$30,000	Capital Support & New Program Development for Scoutreach in Mount Pleasant
Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity	\$45,000	Program Support
Hospice of the Western Reserve	\$64,000	Capacity Building – Collaborative Demonstration Project to Provide End-of- Life Education and Support to those with Alzheimer's Disease & Caregivers
Joseph's Home	\$45,000	Operating Support
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry	\$60,000	Operating Support
New Life Community	\$95,000	Operating Support
Providence House, Inc.	\$50,000	Operating Support

*United Cerebral Palsy Association	\$50,000	Program Support – Steps to Independence
The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum	\$25,000	Program Support – Toddler Rock Roll Hall Project
Towards Employment, Inc.	\$35,000	Capacity Building

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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