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Saint Luke's Foundation Grants Over \$1 Million to Local Non-Profits
Foundation Funding Vital Development and Support Initiatives During Economic Crisis

CLEVELAND, Oct. 13, 2009 – The Saint Luke's Foundation has announced its Board of Trustees has approved 20 grants totaling more than \$1 million in support of several of the region's leading health and human services agencies. The funds, which will support agencies' operating, capacity and program efforts, were awarded as part of the Foundation's third grantmaking cycle of 2009.

“As a result of unprecedented levels of need within our community, the Saint Luke's Foundation is continually working with its nonprofit partners to find ways to strategically invest in their work. In some cases, we're providing core operating support, in other cases, we are funding programs that will have both immediate and long-term impact,” said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO of Saint Luke's Foundation.

“This cycle of grants not only speaks to our core mission – improving and transforming the health and well-being of individuals and communities throughout Greater Cleveland – but it also supports innovative approaches to funding non-profits while helping them find new ways to sustain their operations in innovative ways.”

Several Foundation grantees – including Eliza Bryant Village, Cleveland Sight Center and Vocational Guidance Services – were rewarded for their efforts in finding new revenue streams. Eliza Bryant Village, the nation's oldest operating African

American-based long-term care organization, was awarded an \$89,096 operating support grant from the Foundation to develop its rehabilitation services.

A \$50,000 grant was awarded to the Cleveland Sight Center, a non-profit agency that supports the visually impaired. Vocational Guidance Services was awarded a \$30,000 grant to fund its “Nutritious Meals for Greater Cleveland’s Economically Disadvantaged Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities” program.

“All of these organizations are seeking ways to increase revenue, a pivotal step in the development of sustainable programs,” San Antonio Zeman said.

The third cycle of grants also provides support to organizations that are evaluating more cost effective ways to deliver services, including North Coast Community Homes and the HELP Foundation, Inc.

An organization that provides housing for people with mental retardation, mental illness and other disabilities, North Coast Community Homes was awarded \$35,760 in operating support. The HELP Foundation, Inc., which helps children and adults with developmental disabilities find shelter and other opportunities, was awarded \$50,000 in program support. “These grantees are taking steps to run more efficiently while providing more services to the community, two initiatives that will help ensure their growth and success,” San Antonio Zeman said.

Saint Luke’s Foundation also awarded \$50,000 to the Ohio Grantmakers Forum for a program that will identify non-profits ideally suited to potential alliances. “This is a key grant that strikes at the heart of one of our four strategies. Our support will help identify key collaboration opportunities for our region’s non-profits,” San Antonio Zeman said.

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During the third grant making cycle of 2009, Saint Luke's Foundation awarded the following grants:

Berea Children's Home and Family Services	\$74,560	Program Support
Cleveland Department of Public Health	\$57,430	Capacity Support
Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center	\$50,000	Capacity Support
Cleveland Sight Center	\$50,000	Capacity Support
Diabetes Association	\$40,000	Program Support
Eliza Bryant Village	\$89,096	Operating Support
Friends of E Prep	\$66,621	Operating Support
Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity	\$45,000	Program Support
HELP Foundation, Inc.	\$50,000	Program Support
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry	\$67,475	Operating Support
Malachi House	\$65,000	Operating Support
MOTTEP of Cleveland	\$22,980	Program Support
May Dugan Center	\$50,000	Operating Support
North Coast Community Homes	\$35,760	Operating Support
Ohio Grantmakers Forum	\$50,000	Operating Support
Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio	\$75,000	Program Support
Policy Bridge	\$50,000	Operating Support
Rose-Mary Center	\$50,000	Operating Support

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Vocational Guidance Services	\$30,000	Operating Support
WECO Fund Inc.	\$25,000	Program Support

About Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio

With more than 12 years of grant making 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 \$65 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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