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**Saint Luke's Foundation Awards \$1,804,557 in Third Quarter Grants**  
*14 health and human services organizations benefit*

CLEVELAND, October 7, 2011 -- The Board of Trustees of the Saint Luke's Foundation ([www.saintlukesfoundation.org](http://www.saintlukesfoundation.org)) has approved its third quarter grants for 2011, awarding a total of \$1,804,557 to health and human service organizations that benefit a broad base of stakeholders across Greater Cleveland.

Among the grants awarded, The City Club of Cleveland received \$37,063 for the support of a four-part "Why Place Matters" lecture series that will highlight health disparities in Northeast Ohio and how one's geographic location can impact those disparities. The series, created in partnership with The City Club and the Cuyahoga County PLACE MATTERS team, is part of the nationwide PLACE MATTERS initiative of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Health Policy Institute, designed to improve health outcomes of participating communities, including Cuyahoga County, through shared learning experiences.

The Foundation also awarded a \$50,000 grant to substance abuse treatment provider, **New Directions**, for a website redesign that will enhance the organization's communications around their recent merger with Crossroads, a youth behavioral health treatment provider. While remaining separate entities with separate websites, the organizations now share a governing board, chief executive officer and senior management team. The merger was one of four that resulted from the 2010 Human Services Restructuring Project.

"Collaboration and communications are key factors in the success of our grantees' work," said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO Saint Luke's Foundation. "New Directions and Crossroads' merger enables the organizations to maximize shared resources, but they now have a very real need to bolster their communications efforts. Additionally," she added, "we see the 'Why Place Matters'

series as an excellent opportunity to build awareness about the challenging topic of health disparities and how a community can work together to reduce them.”

Other grants awarded include \$100,000 in operating support to **The Center for Families and Children**; \$80,000 to **Project:LEARN** for their health literacy program; \$75,000 to the **Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center** for a regional infant hearing program; and \$75,000 to **St. Vincent Charity Medical Center** for their pastoral care program. **University Hospitals** received \$1,036,259 (over three years) towards training a new generation of community-based family physicians. The program is a collaboration between University Hospitals and Care Alliance.

“From helping the youngest Northeast Ohioans to the oldest, each of our grantees this quarter is working to ensure the highest quality of life for residents across Greater Cleveland,” said LaTida Smith, Senior Program Officer for Community Grants at the Foundation. “Whether they are addressing a specific health concern, seeking to build organizational capacity or engaging people in dialogue around key issues, each in its own unique way is helping to ensure a positive future for residents.”

The following list represents grants awarded in the Foundation’s third grant-making cycle of 2011:

Business Volunteers Unlimited	\$85,000	Capacity building services to nonprofits
Center for Families and Children	\$100,000	Operating support
The City Club of Cleveland	\$37,063	Place Matters Series
Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center	\$75,000	Regional infant hearing program
Diabetes Association	\$30,000	Access and assistance services for people with diabetes
New Directions	\$50,000	Human Services Restructuring Project: Communications
Helen Keller International	\$50,000	ChildSight Ohio
Jennings Center for Older Adults	\$46,235	Quality outcomes for post hospital care
Ohio IAF (Greater Cleveland Congregations)	\$30,000	GCC health care campaign
Project: LEARN	\$80,000	Reading Health
Providence House	\$50,000	One year bed sponsorship
St. Vincent Charity Medical Center	\$75,000	Pastoral care program
UHCAN Ohio	\$60,000	Creating a consumer-friendly health insurance exchange
University Hospitals	\$1,036,259	Training a New Generation of Community-Based Family Physicians

### **About Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio**

With more than 14 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 \$81 million in grants in Greater Cleveland. Information on the work of Saint Luke's Foundation is available on the Foundation's Web site: [www.saintlukesfoundation.org](http://www.saintlukesfoundation.org).

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