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Saint Luke's Foundation Ends 2010 with Realistic Look at Challenges

*Awarded \$787,000 at Year-End To Fund Safety Net Services, Capacity Building,
Public Health and Health Education Programs*

CLEVELAND, February 21, 2011 – For the Saint Luke's Foundation, 2010 can be characterized as a year that saw:

- the highest volume of funding requests in Foundation history;
- increased needs in the community coupled with stiff competition for resources; and
- organizations streamlining their operations through strategic partnerships.

“2010 was a challenging economic year for everyone,” said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO of Saint Luke's Foundation. “Funders and nonprofits had to tighten their belts as a necessary step for surviving rough economic times. For agencies already struggling, 2010 was even more challenging as the organizations they counted on for assistance found themselves having to do more with less.”

With that as the backdrop, the Saint Luke's Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$787,000 to 13 organizations in its final round of grants for 2010. “Our fourth quarter grants recognize organizations providing safety net programs and services with the goal of improving the lives of those in our community and supporting their efforts to get back on their feet.”

Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. received \$100,000 to support its work providing housing, behavioral health, crisis and trauma services to the homeless. **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry** also received \$100,000 for their program designed to meet the basic needs of at-risk youth, adults and elderly, including the homeless, disabled and those involved in the criminal justice system. **The Salvation Army** received \$50,000 for its Zelma George Emergency Family Shelter, a facility that provides shelter, food, medical care and more to at-risk populations.

In addition to funding providers of vital safety net services, three fourth quarter grants were awarded to organizations seeking to build service capacity. **Forces4Quality Northeast Ohio** received \$100,000 to help create a new business development function for the larger **Better Health Greater Cleveland**. The program seeks to improve the quality and value of healthcare for all Northeast Ohio residents with chronic medical conditions. **The Health Policy Institute of Ohio** was awarded \$75,000 to aid in their efforts to affect policy decisions that impact the health and well-being of all Ohio residents.

The Foundation also provided grants to three organizations providing programs aimed at improving public health and health education. **The Center for Community Solutions** received \$50,000 for its AIDS Funding Collaborative, a community partnership of the National AIDS Fund that leads AIDS prevention efforts, care and services. **The Cleveland Department of Public Health** received \$50,000 for the “We Run This City” Youth Marathon Program, a health and fitness program that works to instill good exercise habits by preparing youth to run a half-marathon. And, the **Cleveland Metropolitan School District** was granted \$40,000 for its health education program designed to provide age-appropriate courses of study promoting responsible sexual behavior. The program aims at addressing the danger of sexually-transmitted diseases, the impact of youth pregnancy and the prevention of sexual abuse.

The following list represents the 2010 fourth quarter grants:

Center for Community Solutions	\$50,000	AIDS Funding Collaborative
Cleveland Dept. of Public Health	\$50,000	Youth Marathon Program
Cleveland Metropolitan School Dist.	\$40,000	K-12 Responsible Sexual Behavior Program
Enterprise Community Partners	\$60,000	Housing First Initiative
Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland	\$42,916	Home Delivered Meal Program Expansion
Health Policy Institute of Ohio	\$75,000	Operating Support
Joseph’s Home	\$30,000	Transitional Housing for Homeless Men with Healthcare Needs
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry	\$100,000	Basic Needs of At-Risk Youth, Adults and Elders
Malachi House	\$50,000	Operating Support

Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc.	\$100,000	Operating Support for Safety Net Services
MetroHealth Foundation	\$100,000	Promoting Sustainability – Creating a Business Development Function for Better Health Greater Cleveland
Salvation Army	\$50,000	Zelma George Emergency Family Shelter
Vocational Guidance Services	\$40,000	VGS-A Medicaid Provider to Support the Growing Need for Development Services

“Cautious Optimism for 2011”

According to a report released this week from the Ohio Grantmakers Forum (of which the Saint Luke’s Foundation is a member), Ohio grantmakers are projecting cautious optimism for the year ahead. “Fueled by asset growth that continued in 2010,” the report noted, “grants are expected to stabilize or grow this year.” The report went on to note that “funders are holding their administrative costs steady and many will continue to provide technical assistance and other ‘beyond the dollars’ support to their nonprofit partners.” The Saint Luke’s Foundation expects to mirror the philanthropic trends experienced by its peers across the state.

About Saint Luke’s Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio

With more than 13 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 \$70 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.

About the Ohio Grantmakers Forum (OGF) Report

Ohio Grantmakers Forum’s *Outlook Report for 2011* is a snapshot of survey responses provided to OGF in December 2010 and January 2011. It summarizes responses from 99 Ohio foundations and corporate giving programs. Representing the diversity and strength of Ohio’s philanthropic sector, the combined assets of these funders is more than \$7 billion, or about 50 percent of the

state's total charitable assets. For more, visit the Ohio Grantmakers Forum at <http://www.ohiograntmakers.org/>.

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