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SAINT LUKE'S FOUNDATION APPOINTS SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER

CLEVELAND, August 17, 2007 – The Saint Luke's Foundation has named Sandra Byrd Chappelle Senior Program Officer. In this role, Ms. Chappelle will be responsible for Transitional Initiatives, which are grants targeting major problems or opportunities in Cleveland neighborhoods that require longer-term funding -- from three years to a decade or more. Saint Luke's current Transitional Initiatives are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing the Gap – MetroHealth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Smiles Sealant Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mt. Pleasant Community Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Kids in Healthy Homes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KidzHealth 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buckeye/Larchmere Revitalization

Ms. Chappelle is known to many in the community for her distinguished career with Cuyahoga County, where she worked for 27 years. Since 2000, Ms. Chappelle has served as Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Board of County Commissioners, work that spanned planning, implementation, administration, grant management, and collaboration, with respect to health policy and programmatic issues impacting Cuyahoga County. Ms. Chappelle had fiduciary responsibility for a \$3.5 million budget directed toward people living with HIV/AIDS within a six county region. In addition, Ms. Chappelle served as the Director, HIV/AIDS Emergency Services Program, a regional health care access initiative for people living with HIV/AIDS and directed the successful implementation of numerous health and human services programs. She also served on the Executive Committee of Invest in Children; was a vital and important member of the Think Tank for KidzHealth 2020 (a Saint Luke's Foundation Transformational Initiative); and managed the efforts of the Cuyahoga County Health Care Council

“Sandy brings nearly 30 years of experience to this important role,” said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President, Saint Luke’s Foundation. “The transformational initiatives comprise nearly 55 percent of our grantmaking portfolio and are intended to produce long-term positive outcomes at the systemic, policy and neighborhood levels. For that reason,” Ms. Zeman added, “it is critically important for us to have a person in this position with an intimate knowledge of health care policy as well as the challenges and opportunities that exist within our communities.”

Ms. Chappelle, who holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Kent State University, is currently a resident of South Euclid.

About Saint Luke’s Foundation

Celebrating ten 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 the foundation was established with the assets of Saint Luke’s Medical Center, it has issued more than \$50 million in grants to the community.

Additional information on Saint Luke’s Foundation is available on the foundation’s Web site: www.saintlukesfoundation.org.

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