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Saint Luke's Kicks Off Tenth Year with \$1 Million Earmark

Requests proposals for building healthier communities

CLEVELAND, January 3, 2007 – The Saint Luke's Foundation's Board of Trustees has a list of initiatives planned to recognize the organization's 10-year anniversary, the first of which is \$1 million to fund programs aimed at building healthy communities. Local non-profits and government agencies were made aware of the special earmark this week through a request for proposals. Those with innovative programs to improve and transform the health and well being of neighborhoods in Greater Cleveland have until February 5th to submit letters of inquiry for consideration.

Grants awarded through this \$1 million allocation will be in addition to the foundation's regular grantmaking efforts in 2007. Programs chosen for the grants will be showcased at The Saint Luke's Foundation's annual meeting in the fall.

Building healthy communities has been a primary focus of The Saint Luke's Foundation since its formation in 1997 with the assets from the sale of The Saint Luke's Medical Center. Its focus goes beyond traditional health categories to cover such things as neighborhood empowerment, economic vitality, safety and education -- all integral to the health of an individual neighborhood, as well as the region as a whole. This holistic approach is intended to create healthy places where people can live and invest.

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President of The Saint Luke's Foundation, Denise San Antonio Zeman, is excited about the creation of the *Tenth Anniversary Grants*. "Over the past decade we have been able to partner with 266 organizations to improve the health of Mt. Pleasant, Buckeye-Larchmere, Woodland Hills and other neighborhoods in Greater Cleveland," said Zeman. "It seems fitting to me that we recognize the years of progress with more progress through the grants."

About Saint Luke's Foundation

Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland is a community-based private foundation that collaborates with nonprofit organizations and community leaders to address significant 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. With assets of over \$200 million, the foundation has awarded close to \$30 million in grants to the community over the past ten years.

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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