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Saint Luke's Foundation Awards More than \$900,000 in Community Grants
Supports Health and Human Services Programs and Services During Economic Downturn

CLEVELAND, April 14, 2009 – Saint Luke's Foundation has announced its first cycle of grantmaking for 2009, providing critical operating support and community services to several Greater Cleveland nonprofit agencies during this time of economic hardship. The 12 grants total more than \$900,000.

Saint Luke's Foundation is committed to improving and transforming the health and well-being of individuals and communities throughout Greater Cleveland.

“As the needs of Clevelanders continue to increase during this challenging time, we're redoubling our efforts to identify and support community organizations that provide core services to Clevelanders in need,” said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO of Saint Luke's Foundation. “These grants strongly support the mission and core values of the Saint Luke's Foundation.”

A \$150,000 operating support grant was awarded to The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland, one of the oldest free clinics in the United States and the largest in Ohio. The Free Clinic provides medical and dental services, including integral HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention, for thousands of adults and teen patients.

An \$86,000 grant was awarded to West Side Catholic Center to provide basic needs such as

food, clothing, survival services, advocacy and housing.

The Foundation also awarded \$75,000 in operating support to the Center for Families and Children, which provides early learning, youth development and behavioral health services to Cleveland families. The organization helps families become economically secure, healthy, stable and self-sufficient.

Other grants awarded this cycle were \$75,000 to Neighborhood Family Practice, a medical home for underserved populations; \$45,000 to the Community Advocacy Program of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, a unique medical-legal partnership that provides legal support to those whose access to health services is impacted by a legal problem; and \$75,000 to the Adoption Network Cleveland, a program providing adoption education, support and advocacy.

Saint Luke's Foundation awarded 12 grants during this first grant cycle of 2009. Grants awarded in this cycle:

Adoption Network Cleveland	\$75,000	Operating Support
Center for Families and Children	\$75,000	Operating Support
Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc.	\$65,000	College Access Advisory Services for Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and Urban Cleveland Students
The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland	\$150,000	Operating Support
The Aspire Program at Hathaway Brown School	\$40,000	Operating Support
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	\$45,000	Community Advocacy Program
Mental Health Advocacy Coalition	\$85,000	Operating Support
Mental Health Services for	\$100,000	Operating Support

Homeless Persons, Inc.

Neighborhood Family Practice \$75,000 Operating Support

North Coast Health Ministry \$50,000 Operating Support

Senior Transportation \$75,000 Senior Transportation Coordination
Connection of Cuyahoga County Project Operating Support

West Side Catholic Center \$86,000 Basic Needs: Food, Clothing, Survival
Services, Advocacy & Housing

About Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio

With more than 12 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. 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 Cuyahoga County. 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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