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Saint Luke's Foundation Awards \$776,000 in Community Grants

*Foundation Providing Support to Address Dramatic
Challenges Facing Cleveland's Health and Human Services Agencies*

CLEVELAND, July 14, 2009 – The Saint Luke's Foundation has announced grants totaling \$776,000 to several Cleveland-based health and human services organizations. A total of 13 grants were announced as part of the Foundation's second grantmaking cycle of 2009, and half were made as general operating support in order to allow the organizations providing critical safety net services to use the funds in whatever way best supports their operations.

“Saint Luke's Foundation is continuing to see a rise in the needs of health and human services organizations across the Cleveland region. We reviewed close to 50 requests for support totaling more than \$2.4 million,” said Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO of Saint Luke's Foundation.

“The 13 grantees are committed to fulfilling the Foundation's mission and to strive for continuous improvement of the health and well-being of individuals and communities throughout Greater Cleveland. Our decisions were based on the need addressed and the capacity of the organizations to fulfill their stated objectives.”

A first-time Saint Luke's Foundation grantee, the Community Assessment and Treatment Services organization, was awarded a \$30,000 capacity building grant in an effort to sustain the program's mission of providing high-quality, abstinence-based intervention and prevention services for those who are chemically dependent or

those referred to the organization from the judicial system as having a substance abuse and/or mental health problem.

A \$145,000 operating support grant was awarded to Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, an organization devoted to providing critical and comprehensive health services to several Northeast Ohio neighborhoods. A \$100,000 operating support grant was awarded to the Cleveland Foodbank, a vital organization that helps confront the critical issue of hunger in our communities. A \$75,000 operating support grant also was provided to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland, which matches children throughout Cuyahoga County with volunteer mentors in professionally supported one-to-one relationships.

The Foundation's mission is to improve and transform the health and well-being of individuals and communities throughout Greater Cleveland. During this second grant cycle of 2009, Saint Luke's Foundation awarded the following 13 grants:

Beech Brook	\$60,000	Program Support
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$75,000	Operating Support
Cleveland Foodbank	\$100,000	Operating Support
Cleveland Housing Network	\$50,000	Operating Support
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center	\$50,000	Operating Support
Community Assessment and Treatment Services	\$30,000	Capacity Support
Helen Keller International, Inc. ChildSight Cleveland	\$50,000	Program Support
Murtis H. Taylor Multi-Service Center	\$37,000	Capacity Support
Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.	\$145,000	Operating Support
ParkWorks	\$40,000	Capital Support

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Shoes and Clothes for Kids	\$29,000	Program Support
Voices for Ohio's Children	\$60,000	Operating Support
West Side Ecumenical Ministry	\$50,000	Capacity Support

About Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio

With more than 10 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 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 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.

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