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Saint Luke's Foundation Announces New Chair, Board Members *Longstanding Executive Members Also Transition into New Roles*

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18, 2009 – Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio, has appointed several Executive Committee members to new roles for 2010, including the appointment of Thomas Rathbone as Chair, while announcing several additions to its Board of Trustees. Founded in 1997, the Saint Luke's Foundation is committed to improving and transforming the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities throughout Greater Cleveland.

Rathbone, a Foundation trustee since 2005, will assume the role of Chair of the Board of Trustees. He succeeds Sandra Kiely Kolb, a former banker with National City who served as Chair for four years and will remain a trustee.

Douglas Wang, former Chair of the Foundation's Investment Committee, will serve as Vice Chair and Geraldine H. Burns will be Secretary. John P. O'Brien will remain Treasurer and Chair, Finance/Audit Committee; Baiju R. Shah remains as the Chair of the Governance Committee; and Eric Von Hendrix remains as Chair of the Grant Committee.

New trustees appointed to the Board are John Corlett, Claudia Coulton, Edgar Jackson and Karen Johnson. John Corlett has spent nearly 30 years advocating on behalf of issues important to women, children and families. Most recently he served

as Medicaid Director for the State of Ohio. Ohio's Medicaid expenditures exceed 12 billion dollars annually, and provide comprehensive health care coverage for more than 2 million Ohioans.

Coulton is the Lillian F. Harris Professor of Urban Social Research in the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences (MSASS), Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. She is also Co-Director of the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development, which she founded in 1988 to conduct applied research and policy analysis related to urban poverty and community building.

Dr. Edgar B. Jackson, Jr., recently retired as Chief of Staff Emeritus and Senior Advisor to the CEO of University Hospitals (UH) and the Presidents of UH and University Hospitals Case Medical Center (UHCMC). Jackson spent his career championing diversity efforts at University Hospitals and served as clinical professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University since 1986.

Johnson is Executive Director of Evercare, a United Health Group company. Evercare is a Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan, whose clinicians care for the frail elderly in both the Nursing Home and community settings. Prior to joining Evercare, she served as Vice President of Surgical and Critical Care Services for Lake Health and Regional Vice President of Physician Practices and Ambulatory Services for the Cleveland Clinic Health System. Ms Johnson has spent nearly 25 years in various healthcare management positions.

Other Board Members include Francis H. Beam, Jr., Founding Chair; Janet E. Burney, Eric Hoddersen, J. Christopher Manners, Stephanie McHenry, Kenneth L. Okeson, Sally J. Staley, and Denise San Antonio Zeman, President and CEO. Honorary Trustees also include Robert W. Akers, Lawrence Albert, Lois G. Brucken, George L. Forbes, John H. Gherlein, Sally S. Hollington, Samuel R. Huston, Julien L. McCall, Patricia S. Mearns, William R. Robertson, Joseph H. Thomas, and Rev. Dr. Julius C. Trimble.

About Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio

With more than 12 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.

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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