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**St. Luke's Magic Valley Announces
Community Health Improvement Fund Recipients**

Each year the St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board of Directors allocates a fund specifically for Community Health Improvement initiatives in the region. In fiscal year 2007 \$200,000 was designated for this purpose. A total of \$90,693 was allocated to the following organizations during the first round of selections. The second round of selections designated a total of \$109,224 to the following programs:

- CSI Physical Education Department – Funds will be used for cardiac monitoring equipment.
- CSI Retired and Senior Volunteer Program – Funds will be used for Amachi mentoring children of prisoners program.
- Hospice Visions – Funds will be used to support special hospice services.
- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers – Funds will be used for mileage reimbursement for volunteers and home modification expenses for clients.
- St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation – Funds will provide diabetic supplies for persons in need, and will support two diabetic foot clinics.
- Magic Valley Paramedics – Funds will be used to offset the cost of upgrades to AED trainers.
- Safe Kids of Magic Valley – Funds will be used to continue providing car seats to WIC clients.
- Southern Idaho Learning Center – Funds will be used for gateway evaluations at no cost for children.
- SPAN (Suicide Prevention Action Network) – Funds support suicide prevention efforts.
- Twin Falls County Parks Department – Funds will provide safe play-structure upgrades at Centennial Park.
- Twin Falls School District – Funds will purchase equipment to assess current health and fitness levels. Data will support development of health and fitness goals.

Recipients of the Community Health Improvement Fund were required to meet specific criteria and to address identified community health priorities in order to be selected for funding. Community Health Improvement funds may be awarded for proposals from eligible organizations that address one or more of

the following five community health priorities: Access to Care, Injury and Violence, Overweight and Obesity, Mental Health, and Physical Activity.

The SLMVRMC Board of Directors established these priorities utilizing community health assessments. Applicants must address one or more of these priorities and are expected to demonstrate collaboration and coordination with other community organizations, including SLMVRMC. They must also include a mechanism with which to measure health improvements. Preference will be given to projects that support multiple communities in the South Central Idaho and Northern Nevada. For more information about the Fund application process, please call Jody Tremblay at 208-737-2943 or write to: St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Attn: Jody Tremblay, Director of Community Relations, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center opened its doors in 1908. Today, this 213-bed community hospital serves the health care needs of people from eight southern Idaho counties and parts of northern Nevada. St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center provides inpatient and outpatient surgery, 24-hour emergency services, cancer treatment, imaging, the Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, and women's and children's health care.

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