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**ST. LUKE'S RECOGNIZES JIM EVERETT
FOR A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY**

Boise, ID (October 19, 2007) – St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center will host the 12th annual *Ralph J. Comstock, Jr., Light of Philanthropy Award* at the Boise Centre on the Grove, on Saturday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. The evening's festivities will also include the time-honored tradition of the St. Luke's Ball to coincide with the awards ceremony.

This year's Comstock Award will recognize Jim Everett for a lifetime of philanthropic accomplishments. Jim Everett has contributed to the growth of this community through a lifetime of exemplary leadership, quiet philanthropy, and service to humanity.

The Comstock *Light of Philanthropy Award*, presented by the St. Luke's Health Foundation, provides unique recognition for the considerable achievements of those who reflect the humanitarian spirit and philanthropic leadership of Ralph J. Comstock, Jr. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate leadership, philanthropy, and humanitarianism benefiting worthy community charities. Past recipients include Larry Kissler, J.R. and Esther Simplot, Velma Morrison, John and Dee Fery, Robert V. Hansberger, A. Dale Dunn, Harold Thomas, Jim and Karen Nelson, Alice Hennessey, Carolyn Terteling-Payne, and the Honorable Judge Stephen S. Trott.

“In the Treasure Valley we are fortunate to have extremely dedicated members within our community,” said Gary Fletcher, CEO of St. Luke's Boise and Meridian Medical Centers. “This event represents an opportunity for St. Luke's to honor the individuals who contribute so generously to health and human services as well as many other local charities. Jim Everett represents a level of generosity, vision, and leadership we should all aspire to reach.”

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Background

Jim Everett

Jim Everett has dedicated his career to children and families. As CEO of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA, Jim works with more than 6,000 volunteers, 1,000 staff, over 47,000 members and 60,000 program participants. The YMCA serves the valley from 90 different locations, including four facilities and 21 child care centers, and is the largest provider of childcare and youth services in Idaho.

Jim graduated from Albion College in Michigan, and has worked for the YMCA since 1974, serving as swim coach (coaching three national champions and two world record holders), health and fitness director, aquatic director, preschool coordinator, and camp director.

He was a health consultant to the Idaho State Department of Education, and co-founded the Youth Sports Commission in the Treasure Valley.

Jim volunteers with youth sports and the Leadership Boise Academy, and serves on the boards of directors of Healthwise, College of Idaho, St. Luke's Boise/Meridian, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, and US Bank of Idaho. He has served on the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, Boise Schools Foundation Board, St. Luke's Children's Advisory Board, and Mayor's Boise Visions Sub-committee on Recreation.

Jim and his wife Linda have been married for 34 years. Their family includes sons Travis, Kevin and Daughter in Law Hortense.

Ralph J. Comstock, Jr.

Ralph J. Comstock, Jr. was a philanthropist, leader, and humanitarian.

Born in 1917, in Rexburg, Idaho, he lived as a boy in Idaho Falls, Nampa, and Pocatello. Ralph graduated from the University of Idaho Southern Branch (now Idaho State University) and then from the University of Utah, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

While living in Utah, Ralph met Bernice (Bee) Broomfield, who became his wife of more than 50 years. Together, Ralph and Bee raised three children, Ralph, Robert, and Christine.

Following a tour of service in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in World War II, Ralph entered the banking industry where he rose to the highest executive office with First Security Bank of Idaho before retiring in 1984.

Ralph was the catalyst for a number of Idaho's finest civic accomplishments. His most notable philanthropic endeavors were achieved in his service to Boise's Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

A sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and skiing, Ralph's heart was as big as the great outdoors. He was a bold man with big ideas, great passion, and tremendous enthusiasm.

Ralph died in 1995 after an exemplary career of professional and community service. It is in his honor that St. Luke's presents the annual Light of Philanthropy Award.

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Ralph J. Comstock, Jr. Light of Philanthropy Award Honorees

2007	Jim Everett
2006	Honorable Judge Stephen S. Trott
2005	Carolyn Terteling-Payne
2004	Alice Hennessey
2003	Jim and Karin Nelson
2002	Harold Thomas
2001	A. Dale Dunn
2000	Robert V. Hansberger
1999	John and Dee Fery
1998	Velma Morrison
1997	J.R. and Esther Simplot
1996	Larry Kissler

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NOTE: Tickets for the event may be purchased by contacting St. Luke's Health Foundation at 381-2123.