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### **ST. LUKE'S PARTICIPATES IN PAINT THE TOWN FOR 25TH YEAR IN A ROW** *Compassionate Employees Make a Difference for Treasure Valley Residents*

**Boise, ID (June 4, 2007)** – St. Luke's employees are compassionate by nature. They provide specialized care to patients while in the hospital and volunteer in the community when help is needed. St. Luke's dedication is visual with their participation in the 25th annual Paint The Town™, a program of the Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS).

St. Luke's has provided a team to help *Paint The Town*™ for 25 years. In the last 24 years, St. Luke's teams have consisted of 17,500 volunteers. Together they have painted 28 houses, earned more than 7,500 hours of volunteer time, used 620 gallons of paint, and used more than 1,800 paintbrushes.

"I've coordinated St. Luke's involvement with Paint the Town twenty three times out of the last twenty-five years," said Mary Lou Long, St. Luke's Paint The Town™ team leader. "I enjoy this volunteer opportunity because we are really giving back to people in need and making a significant difference in their lives. It's very rewarding."

At 5 pm on Wednesday, June 6, St. Luke's team will gather at 8055 W. Canterbury Ct. (off Milwaukee between Northview and Ustick) to help prepare the house by scraping paint, doing yard work, clearing leaves and debris, and priming the house for the actual painting process, which will take place at 8 am on Saturday, June 9. Approximately 75 St. Luke's volunteers have signed up to help.

Paint the Town, the largest volunteer effort in Idaho, is a community volunteer program implemented by NHS and supported through cash and in-kind sponsorships. The program was born out of the realization that many senior and disabled Treasure Valley residents could neither physically manage nor afford routine maintenance and repairs to their homes.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This will be a great visual of Paint The Town™ Event. Volunteers will be working on June 6 from 5-9 pm and June 9 from 8 am-noon (or until finished).

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