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St. Luke's Announces Chief Executive Officer and Board Leadership of Newly Formed St. Luke's Health System

New CEO Named to Oversee Boise and Meridian Hospitals

Boise, ID (August 30, 2006) – Officials from St. Luke's Health System announced today that Ed Dahlberg, President and CEO of St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center has assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer for the newly formed St. Luke's Health System. The Idaho-based, not-for-profit St. Luke's Health System was formed July 1, 2006 as the result of the successful merger between St. Luke's existing hospital facilities in Boise, Meridian, and Ketchum, Idaho with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, a former county hospital located in Twin Falls, Idaho. By coming together to form a health system, each St. Luke's facility will work in cooperation to provide care to patients throughout a 150 square mile service area and to further the System's mission to improve the health of people in the region.

In addition to Dahlberg's leadership, a new Health System Board of Directors has been formed to provide oversight for the St. Luke's Health System. The following members are leaders in their respective communities and volunteer their time to serve on the St. Luke's Health System Board:

St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors

- Skip Oppenheimer, *Chairman of the Board*, resides in Boise
- Ed Dahlberg, *President /CEO*, resides in Boise
- Brigette Bilyeu, resides in Filer
- Larry Cope, resides in Buhl
- Alice Hennessey, resides in Boise
- Jerry Meyerhoeffer, resides in Twin Falls
- Jon Miller, resides in Boise
- Dr. Robert Lobb, resides in Twin Falls

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- Tom Saldin, resides in Boise
- Dr. Jim Smith, resides in Boise
- Bob Lane, resides in Ketchum

One of the unique attributes of the newly formed health system is the emphasis placed on the importance of local governance. Each hospital in the St. Luke's System will be lead by a local Chief Executive Officer and will be governed by a local Board of Directors. This structure facilitates local involvement and local decision-making related to health issues in the communities each St. Luke's facility serves. "One of the guiding principles of the St. Luke's Health System is that health care decisions are best made locally," said Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke's Health System President and CEO. "The new system is structured so that each hospital is governed at the local level with input from the community. In this way, the hospital remains a true community asset and a reflection of the community it serves."

With the promotion of Dahlberg to the System CEO position, Gary Fletcher, Chief Operating Officer for St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center will assume the role of CEO of the Boise and Meridian hospital facilities. Fletcher, who has worked for St. Luke's since 1987 will be supported in his leadership duties by a veteran Executive Team. The following experienced members of the local Board of Directors will provide oversight for facilities in Boise and Meridian.

**St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center/St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center
Board of Directors**

- Gary Fletcher, *CEO*
- The Rt. Rev. Harry B. Bainbridge, III, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho
- A.J. Balukoff
- Jim Everett
- Morley Golden
- Mark Johnson, MD
- Terry Keller, MD
- J. Patrick McMurray
- Mike Mooney
- Donald (Jim) Nelson
- Jan Packwood
- Carolyn Terteling Payne

- Avery Seifert, MD
- Cathy Silak
- Gay Simplot
- Barbara Wilson
- Charles Wilson
- Thomas Zarges

The Chief Executives for St. Luke's hospitals in Twin Falls and Ketchum, Idaho remain the same. John Kee will lead the Twin Falls facility and Bruce Jensen will lead the hospital in Ketchum. Following is a listing of the volunteer members of the Boards serving the Magic Valley and Wood River communities.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center Board of Directors

- Morley Golden, *Chairman of the Board*
- Bruce Jensen, *CEO*
- Ann Agnew
- Herb Alexander, MD
- Carl Barbee, MD
- Bill Boeger
- Lisa Brait
- John Chapman
- Tom Crais, MD
- Martin Durtschi, MD
- David Hinson
- Rich Holm
- Peter Kremer
- Bob Lane
- Scott Nelson
- Bill Reynolds
- Vickie Riedel
- Preston Strazza
- Chris Thompson
- Jon Thorson, MD

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board of Directors

- Jeff Harris, *Chairman of the Board*
- John Kee, *CEO*
- Robert Alexander
- Tom Ashenbrener
- Gary Babbel
- Shawn Barigar
- Eric Cassidy, D.O.
- Cindy Collins
- Lisa Donnelley
- Curtis Eaton
- "Foggie" Fisher
- Alan Horner
- Brent Jussel
- Ben Katz, MD
- Vesta Maughan
- Mark McKain, MD
- Tom Mikesell
- Russ Newcomb, MD
- Judy Pollow
- Terry Schultz
- Robert Ward, MD
- Mark Wright, D.D.S

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