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## St. Luke's Honors Boise Woman for Philanthropy

*-Anna Margaret Jones has generously supported community non-profits for more than 65 years-*

**Boise** – St. Luke's Health Foundation has named Idaho native Anna Margaret Jones the 2008 recipient of the Ralph J. Comstock Jr. Light of Philanthropy Award.

Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the annual award is given to individuals who have improved the community through their leadership, philanthropy and humanitarian efforts.

Born in Caldwell, Jones has dedicated more than six decades of her life helping improve not only the health of the area by contributing to St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, but also improving arts and education through her generous support of the Boise Philharmonic Orchestra and the Learning Lab.

"Quality healthcare and a strong arts and education system are pillars of a successful community," said St. Luke's Boise/Meridian CEO Gary Fletcher. "We're honored to recognize Anna Margaret Jones for her generous and tireless efforts to improve the quality of life in the Treasure Valley."

Jones has been a major supporter of the effort to advance the level of cancer care at St. Luke's. She has made significant donations to the St. Luke's adult chemotherapy suite, mobile screening mammography and pediatric oncology.

"Her support has allowed St. Luke's to provide vital treatment and services to our patients," Fletcher said. "Anna Margaret's efforts have made a difference for thousands of children and adults whose lives have been touched by cancer."

Philanthropy has been a driving force in Jones' life. During WWII, while attending the University of Idaho, Jones learned the importance of service to the community as a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She has long been a supporter of the Girls Scouts and the Junior League and believes in helping the youth of Idaho achieve their dreams.

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In 1945, she married Stanley Jones, who would go on to become a prominent banker in Boise. Philanthropy was a value instilled in the Jones' family. The couple raised three daughters, Anne Moree Goss, Jeanne King and Patty Head. All three of the daughters still live in Boise.

When Stanley Jones died in 1976, Jones and her daughters formed the Four J Foundation, to continue the spirit of generosity for future generations.

Besides supporting St Luke's, Jones has been equally passionate about her support of education and the arts.

A member of the Boise Philharmonic Board of Directors for 21 years, Jones was instrumental in encouraging the philharmonic to expand their programs. The Board followed her guidance and the resulting outreach established a vibrant youth symphony and increased programming for children and families.

Her commitment to education is evident in her service to the Learning Lab. A member of the Board of Directors since 1998, Jones made the principle gift to establish a critical new facility. In March 2007, the *Anna Margaret Jones Center for Learning* opened its doors, dramatically increasing the opportunity for low-income, functionally illiterate adults to benefit from the center's programs and classes.

Jones will be recognized Nov. 1 at the Boise Centre on the Grove during the Ralph J. Comstock Jr. Light of Philanthropy Award and St. Luke's Ball. The event starts at 6 p.m. with a no-host cocktail reception followed by dinner and a night of live music and dancing.

The cost to attend the event is \$100. Tickets are still available by calling the St. Luke's Health Foundation at 381-2123.

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### **About the Award**

*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. Comstock, who died in 1995, is credited with major philanthropic efforts that benefited Boise's Morrison Center for Performing Arts and helped improve the medical and cancer care at St. Luke's. Born in 1917 in Rexburg, Comstock earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Idaho. After a tour with the U.S. Army Medical Corps in WWII, Comstock entered the banking industry in Idaho eventually rising to the top executive for First Security Bank of Idaho before retiring in 1984.*

**Editors/Reporters:** Anna Margaret Jones and her family are available for advance interviews prior to the event. Please Contact Ken Dey if interested.