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St. Luke's Magic Valley provides over \$110,000 in Grants to Local Community Organizations

Twin Falls, ID - St. Luke's Magic Valley has awarded 13 Idaho organizations a total of \$110,840 in grants to help fund vital programs that benefit the communities St. Luke's serves.

The grants are part of St. Luke's Magic Valley's annual awards from its Community Health Improvement Fund. At the core of the mission of St. Luke's Magic Valley is a commitment to improving the health of the people it serves. As part of the hospital's effort to achieve that goal, St. Luke's has established a Community Health Improvement Fund. The fund is designed to provide financial support for organizations that are also working to improve the health of people in the region.

To qualify for a grant, organizations must address one or more of the following community health priorities; which through a community health assessment, have been shown are underserved areas in our community:

- Access to Care
- Injury and Violence
- Obesity
- Mental Health
- Physical Activity

St. Luke's Magic Valley appoints a committee to review the requests two times per year. This year, grants ranged in size from \$2,000 to \$20,000. The

recipients of the Community Health Improvement Fund's 2010 first round grants are:

- Jubilee House - \$14,590 to implement a full-life recovery program.
- Boys & Girls Club - \$19,880 to implement a child and teenage obesity program.
- Air St. Luke's - \$2,000 to sponsor the Southern Idaho EMS educational conference.
- Mustard Tree Wellness Clinic - \$20,000 to continue their direct medical care of uninsured or underinsured working individuals.
- St. Luke's CARES - \$20,000 to implement a nationally recognized evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention program.
- Southern Idaho Learning Center - \$3,000 to present educational seminars on childhood clinic disorders.
- Hospice Visions - \$7,500 to provide funding to indigent or uninsured residents at their hospice home.
- CSI RSVP Program - \$5,000 to provide volunteer transportation service exclusively to senior adults.
- Harmony PSR Services - \$6,340 to provide psychosocial rehabilitation to mental health customers.
- CSI Head Start Program - \$10,000 to provide behavioral intervention and education to low income children and families.
- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers - \$8,000 to reimburse mileage to volunteer providing non-medical transportation and home modifications for the frail, chronically ill and disabled.
- SafeKids Magic Valley - \$10,000 to provide car seats to the WIC program and CSI Refugee Center.
- CSI Senior Companion Program - \$5,000 to provide mileage reimbursement to the volunteers of the Senior Companion program.

For more information on St. Luke's Community Health Improvement Fund, please contact Tonia Bruess, 208-933-4854 or toniab@mvrmc.org.

About St. Luke's Magic Valley

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center opened its doors in 1908. Today, this community hospital serves the health care needs of people in eight counties of southern Idaho and parts of northern Nevada. St. Luke's Magic Valley provides inpatient and outpatient surgery, 24-hour emergency services, cancer treatment, imaging, Canyon View Behavioral Health Services, inpatient rehabilitation, and women's and children's health care. A new, 186-bed hospital is under construction and expected to open in 2011.

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