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### **ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL ACHIEVES FUNDRAISING MILESTONE**

*Donors have contributed \$20 million to support St. Luke's mission of improving the health of the community.*

**CHESTERFIELD, MO, June 5, 2009** – St. Luke's Hospital has achieved a fundraising milestone of \$20 million in its largest campaign ever. The objective of St. Luke's *Advancing Excellence with Exceptional Care Campaign* is to raise funds for facility developments and improvements, technology acquisition, quality enhancements and physician recruitment.

“We are sincerely grateful to everyone who has contributed to this campaign,” said Gary Olson, St. Luke's Hospital president and chief executive officer. “Our friends and supporters have helped St. Luke's achieve this significant fundraising milestone despite the current economic challenges in the world today. Their contributions are helping St. Luke's continue to be a vital healthcare resource in the community.”

John B. “Jack” Biggs, Jr., St. Luke's board of directors chairman, has provided leadership and strategic insight as campaign chairman since it began in the fall of 2005. Hugh Scott III, St. Luke's board member, succeeds Biggs as campaign chairman and will lead it toward the \$30 million goal.

#### **About St. Luke's Hospital:**

St. Luke's Hospital, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, is a premier, regional healthcare provider specializing in individualized care. The 493-bed, not-for-profit hospital offers more than 60 specialty areas including cardiovascular care and surgery, cancer care, neurosurgery and neurology, orthopedics, maternity and other women's health, general medicine, outpatient services, pediatrics and comprehensive surgical services. St. Luke's Hospital was recognized in 2007, 2008 and 2009 as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals™ by HealthGrades®, a leading independent healthcare ratings company. St. Luke's Hospital is the only healthcare facility in a ten-state region (Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota) to be named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals - ranking among the top one percent in the nation based on superior clinical quality over a nine-year time period. St. Luke's Hospital is also a proud member of the Spirit of Women® Hospital Network, a coalition of hospitals and healthcare providers across the United States that ascribe to the highest standards of excellence in women's health, education and community outreach. For more information about St. Luke's Hospital, please visit [www.stlukes-stl.com/newsroom](http://www.stlukes-stl.com/newsroom).

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