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MABEE FOUNDATION, INC. GRANT HELPS ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL OPEN HYBRID OPERATING ROOM

CHESTERFIELD, MO, September 27, 2010 – The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Inc. has made its first-ever gift to St. Luke's Hospital. Its \$785,000 challenge grant has helped fund the approximately \$4 million hybrid operating room of the Robert Paine, MD Heart Institute at St. Luke's.

“We are honored and thankful for the generous support of the Mabee Foundation,” said Sue Adams, St. Luke's Hospital executive director of development. “The Mabee Foundation is known across the country for supporting projects and organizations of the highest merit and benefit to society. With its generous help, we are able to provide our patients state-of-the-art cardiac and vascular care in our hybrid operating room.”

St. Luke's hybrid operating room opened last month and allows surgeons to treat patients with complex medical conditions with new procedures that combine minimally invasive techniques with traditional surgical care, providing much lower risk to patients and faster recoveries.

It includes a specialized imaging system, the robotic Artis zeego angiography system of Siemens Healthcare. This high-tech imaging equipment helps physicians see the inside of organs and blood vessels to aid in minimally invasive treatments for vascular disease. It provides real-time, moving, three-dimensional images from all angles.

Including the Mabee Foundation challenge grant, St. Luke's has received gifts and pledges from grateful patients and supporters, totaling \$4.2 million.

About St. Luke's Hospital:

St. Luke's Hospital, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, is a regional healthcare provider committed to improving the quality of life for patients and the community. 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.

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St. Luke's was the only Missouri hospital recognized in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 as a HealthGrades America's 50 Best Hospital™, ranking among the top one percent in the nation based on superior clinical quality. St. Luke's is also the only Missouri hospital to receive the HealthGrades 2009/2010 Women's Health Excellence Award for providing quality healthcare to women.

St. Luke's Hospital is part of the Spirit of Women® Hospital Network, a coalition of hospitals and healthcare providers across the United States that ascribes 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.

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