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St. Luke's Awards More Than \$400,000 to Local Not-For-Profit Organizations

At the core of St. Luke's mission is a commitment to improving the health of the people it serves. To help fulfill this mission, St. Luke's established the Community Health Improvement Fund (CHI fund). The CHI fund is a component of the hospital's longstanding community benefit program and is designed to provide financial and in-kind support for other local non-profit organizations that are working to improve the health of people in the region.

Forty-one individual grants totaling more than \$400,000 were awarded in fiscal year 2009 for proposals selected from those submitted by eligible not-for-profit organizations that address health maintenance, health education, improved access to health care services, prevention, wellness, and other health-related activities. Applications also had to demonstrate collaboration and coordination with other community organizations including St. Luke's.

"Local nonprofit organizations serving our community, including St. Luke's, are being challenged to do more with less," said Gary Fletcher, CEO of St. Luke's Boise and Meridian Medical Centers. "We're extremely pleased to partner with these fine organizations, and help them continue their important missions. We believe by working together and combining our talents and resources, all residents in our community will benefit."

St. Luke's utilizes a review committee to evaluate applications and make funding decisions. This year, grants ranged in size from \$345 to \$100,000. For more information about the grant program visit www.stlukesonline.org/giving/.

Note: A list of grant recipients follows.

**2009-10 St. Luke's Treasure Valley
Community Health Improvement (CHI) Grant Recipients**

- Boise State University – \$100,000 toward the construction of a new health sciences building.
- YMCA Treasure Valley – \$50,000 to support health and sports events for children and for medical services at YMCA camps.
- Susan G. Komen Foundation – \$35,000 to underwrite the cost of the 2010 Race for the Cure.
- American Heart Association – \$30,000 to help fund the START! Heart Walk on May 22, 2010.
- Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce – \$30,000 for general sponsorship opportunities.
- American Cancer Society – \$15,000 to help support Relay for Life and Making Strides Against Cancer events
- March of Dimes – \$13,500 to help sponsor its Nurse of the Year award and Blue Jeans Ball fundraiser.
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – \$12,500 to help support the Light for Night Walk that raises money to support finding a cure for blood cancer.
- Snake River Stampede – \$12,500 to support the Tough Enough to Wear Pink event that raises money for breast cancer screening.
- Women’s and Children’s Alliance – \$10,000 to help support the annual TWIN fundraising event.
- Idaho Stampede – \$7,500 in general sponsorship opportunities.
- Learning Lab – \$7,000 to help teach families about better health choices including improving their knowledge of nutrition and exercise.
- Boise Public Schools Education Foundation – \$5,000 to fund the Lifetime Movers program.
- Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho – \$5,000 to help provide antiepileptic medication assistance and other health services.
- Genesis World Mission – \$5,000 to help underwrite the costs of the Garden City Community Clinic.
- Idaho Food Bank – \$5,000 to help support the Mobile Pantry Program.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho – \$5,000 to help offset costs for families to stay at the facility.
- Salvation Army – \$5,000 to help with health care needs of pregnant teens and babies of teens.

- Terry Reilly Health Services – \$5,000 to help provide specialized outpatient counseling to low income and indigent victims of child abuse.
- Nampa Chamber of Commerce –
 1. \$345 for corporate sponsor luncheon for St. Luke's MSTI
 2. \$2,000 to help promote the 2010 Health Fest, at the Idaho Center a free community health fair
 3. \$1,665 to purchase warm clothing for the "Warm Up Nampa" event that distributes clothing to people in need.
- Special Olympics Idaho – \$3,500 to help with sports events for kids and adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Eagle Chamber of Commerce – \$3,000 for general sponsorship opportunities.
- Elks Rehabilitation Hospital – \$3,000 to help sponsor its annual benefit golf tournament.
- Humphreys Diabetes Center – \$3,000 to provide community prevention programs to reduce obesity and diabetes.
- Meridian Chamber of Commerce – \$3,000 to help sponsor Mayor's State of The City breakfast.
- Camp Hodia – \$2,500 to help underwrite the costs of participating in programs for children with insulin dependent diabetes.
- Caring Foundation for Children – \$2,500 to provide free dental care for uninsured children.
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – \$2,500 to help support cystic fibrosis patients and families.
- Downtown Boise Association – \$2,500 to promote and operate the children's race during the Twilight Criterium.
- Family Advocates – \$2,500 to help fund various child advocate programs.
- Hands of Hope – \$2,500 to help with efforts to loan durable medical equipment to those in need.
- Lutheran Community Services – \$2,500 to help fund anti child-abuse awareness programs.
- Meridian Schools Education Foundation – \$2,500 to help fund the classroom grants program.
- Ada County Medical Society - \$2,000 to help defray costs of high school sports physicals.

- Expedition Inspiration Fund for Breast Cancer Research – \$2,000 to support participation in the 2010 St. Luke’s Celebration Women’s Show.
- Friends in Action, Inc. – \$2,000 to train leaders to administer the education series “Powerful Tools for Caregivers.”
- Bishop Kelly High School – \$1,000 to help equip a school nursing station to better serve students.
- Boise Rotary Century Scholars Program – \$1,000.
- Garden City Chamber of Commerce – \$1,000 to support the Boys & Girls Club Fun Run.
- Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council – \$1,000 to help meet the needs of the Council.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – \$1,000 to support mental illness education programs.