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## **The American Cancer Society and St. Luke's MSTI Team Up to Provide Cancer Resources**

### **Cancer Resource Center to Open at St. Luke's MSTI in Boise**

**(Boise, Idaho) August 23, 2006** – The American Cancer Society is partnering with St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI) to enhance the Cancer Resource Center at St. Luke's MSTI on Friday, August 25 with a reception and ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Located in the St. Luke's MSTI lobby at 100 E. Idaho Street in Boise, the Cancer Resource Center will provide cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers with free and up-to-date information on cancer. American Cancer Society volunteers will help cancer patients navigate their cancer journey with the most recent information on the prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer as well as link them to information, services, and local resources for help.

“We are happy to provide the space for the Cancer Resource Center that can help support our patients and their families through a difficult journey. A cancer diagnosis can be frightening for all concerned, so the more quality information and resources we can help the American Cancer Society provide through centers such as this, the better for all concerned,” said Linda

Penwarden, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist at St. Luke's MSTI. Penwarden will be the master of ceremonies at the ribbon cutting on Friday at 1PM.

“We are so grateful that St. Luke's MSTI has provided this space in their facility for a Cancer Resource Center. When Cancer Resource Centers are put in place, the Society can help two-to-three times as many patients with cancer services because of the on-site convenience for cancer patients going through treatment. St. Luke's is a valuable partner in this endeavor. We look forward to forging even more partnerships throughout the state, so these much needed cancer services will reach all Idahoans who need them,” said Kathy Sewell, Quality of Life Manger of the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 14 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

St. Luke's MSTI opened in 1969 and has become Idaho's largest provider of cancer care services. MSTI administers to approximately 400 patients each day, with more than 3,200 new patients treated last year alone, including children. In the thirty-seven years of cancer care at MSTI, more than 45,000 patients have been treated. Currently, St. Luke's MSTI facilities are located in Boise, Nampa, Meridian, Fruitland, and Twin Falls.

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