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ST. LUKE'S RECOGNIZES JUDGE STEPHEN S. TROTT FOR A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY

Boise, ID (October 30, 2006) – St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center will host the 11th annual *Ralph J. Comstock, Jr., Light of Philanthropy Award* at the DoubleTree Riverside hotel, on Saturday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. The evening's festivities will also include the time-honored tradition of the St. Luke's Ball to coincide with the awards ceremony.

This year's Comstock Award will recognize the Honorable Judge Stephen S. Trott for a lifetime of philanthropic accomplishments. Judge Trott has contributed to the growth of this community through a lifetime of exemplary leadership, quiet philanthropy, and service to humanity.

The Comstock *Light of Philanthropy Award*, presented by the St. Luke's Health Foundation, provides unique recognition for the considerable achievements of those who reflect the humanitarian spirit and philanthropic leadership of Ralph J. Comstock, Jr. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate leadership, philanthropy, and humanitarianism benefiting worthy community charities. Past recipients include Larry Kissler, J.R. and Esther Simplot, Velma Morrison, John and Dee Fery, Robert V. Hansberger, A. Dale Dunn, Harold Thomas, Jim and Karen Nelson, Alice Hennessey, and Carolyn Terteling-Payne.

"St. Luke's is fortunate to be a part of such a giving community," said Gary Fletcher, CEO of St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center. "This event represents an opportunity for us to honor the individuals who contribute so generously to health and human services as well as many other local charities. Judge Trott represents a level of generosity, vision and leadership we should all aspire to reach."

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Background

Judge Stephen S. Trott

Stephen Trott was born in 1939 in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. After earning a degree in French literature from Wesleyan University in 1962, Stephen studied law at Harvard where he earned his law degree in 1965.

A job offer from the Office of the District Attorney of Los Angeles County brought Stephen to the West coast in 1966. During his tenure at the District Attorney's office, Stephen rose from a prosecutor to Chief Deputy, and in 1981 became the United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

In 1986, Stephen joined the Department of Justice as the Associate Attorney General of the United States, the third ranking position in the Department of Justice.

President Reagan appointed Stephen to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in 1988. Despite a demanding profession, Judge Trott is a committed leader in many civic and charitable activities. Judge Trott has served on the Board for the Boise Philharmonic, Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy, and Children's Home Society. He is a dedicated volunteer for the Idaho Botanical Gardens, Boys and Girls Club of Nampa, and the Boise State University Wrestling Team.

St. Luke's Health Foundation is proud to honor Judge Stephen Trott with the 2005 Ralph J. Comstock, Jr., Light of Philanthropy Award.

Ralph J. Comstock, Jr.

Ralph J. Comstock, Jr. was a philanthropist, leader, and humanitarian.

Born in 1917, in Rexburg, Idaho, he lived as a boy in Idaho Falls, Nampa, and Pocatello. Ralph graduated from the University of Idaho Southern Branch (now Idaho State University) and then from the University of Utah, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

While living in Utah, Ralph met Bernice (Bee) Broomfield, who became his wife of more than 50 years. Together, Ralph and Bee raised three children, Ralph, Robert, and Christine.

Following a tour of service in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in World War II, Ralph entered the banking industry where he rose to the highest executive office with First Security Bank of Idaho before retiring in 1984.

Ralph was the catalyst for a number of Idaho's finest civic accomplishments. His most notable philanthropic endeavors were achieved in his service to Boise's Morrison Center for the Performing Arts, St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

A sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and skiing, Ralph's heart was as big as the great outdoors. He was a bold man with big ideas, great passion, and tremendous enthusiasm.

Ralph died in 1995 after an exemplary career of professional and community service. It is in his honor that St. Luke's presents the annual Light of Philanthropy Award.

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Ralph J. Comstock, Jr. Light of Philanthropy Award Honorees

2006	Honorable Judge Stephen S. Trott
2005	Carolyn Terteling-Payne
2004	Alice Hennessey
2003	Jim and Karin Nelson
2002	Harold Thomas
2001	A. Dale Dunn
2000	Robert V. Hansberger
1999	John and Dee Fery
1998	Velma Morrison
1997	J.R. and Esther Simplot
1996	Larry Kissler

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NOTE: Tickets for the event may be purchased by contacting St. Luke's Health Foundation at 381-2123.