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St. Luke's Announces Nursing Excellence Award Recipients **Three St. Luke's Magic Valley nurses named among 2008 Honorees**

Twin Falls, ID (November 24, 2008) – St. Luke's Magic Valley is proud to announce that the Idaho Chapter March of Dimes and Idaho Nursing have honored three nurses from Magic Valley among the recipients of the 2008 Nursing Excellence Awards. The awards were presented Saturday, November 15 in Boise.

According to Nancy C. Salyer, RN, MS, FACHE, Volunteer Committee Chair for the Idaho Nursing Excellence Awards, the annual awards recognize the remarkable work of nurses in Idaho. St. Luke's Magic Valley congratulates our 2008 March of Dimes Nurse of the Year honorees:

- **Eric Bailey, BSN, CCRN, Intensive Care Unit Charge Nurse.** Eric is a newer nurse with three years practice experience. He is recognized as a nurse who learns quickly and brings the best interpersonal qualities to his role. He is enthusiastic about learning and about making current clinical information available, especially about the disease process and the conditions that patients are experiencing. Both co-workers and family members of patients appreciate his patience and willingness to share information. Eric is appreciated for teaching by example and for his willingness to share co-workers' burdens at all times. Eric has recently been accepted to a very competitive position at an anesthesia school at the University of Tennessee.
- **Marci Coats, RN, Nursing Unit Support Team.** Marci is one of those unique nurses who has strengths in many clinical areas and as such, rotates between medical and surgical, obstetrics, neonatal intensive care unit, post-partum, pediatrics and the adult intensive care units. Her float pool status requires a minimum of four distinct clinical skill proficiencies. Marci has expertise in seven patient care areas. In her 15 years of practice, Marci is known for her constant attention to clinical learning. She makes this demand on herself and asks the same of her colleagues. Her highly respected and appreciated commitment to excellence is also carried into her community activities, especially evidenced by her long support for Magic Valley youth baseball programs.
- **Wendy Slane, LPN, RN, BSN, Medical-Surgical Charge Nurse.** Wendy is a nurse who has "risen through the ranks" over the past 20 years of practice, through hard work and dedication. Her patients and colleagues appreciate her wonderful nursing spirit and competence. Wendy is sought out as a mentor for newer nurses and more experienced nurses, alike. Nursing staff on the medical and surgical units consider Wendy to be a teacher, friend and trusted leader. As evidenced by her career progression, Wendy is a fierce advocate for continuing education for herself as well as her co-workers.

St. Luke's Magic Valley thanks these nurses for their extraordinary efforts. Their dedication ensures excellent, compassionate nursing care is provided to patients and their families in the Magic Valley.

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