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***Women's Imaging Center construction to begin***  
***Philanthropy accelerates critical project***

**KETCHUM, ID (February 13, 2009)** —The St. Luke's Wood River Foundation is thrilled to announce that our community has given just over \$1.2 million—over half of the \$2.1 million necessary to build and equip a new, fully-digital, Women's Imaging Center. In 2008, our community also entrusted the foundation with an additional \$1 million for the foundation's endowments, other vital programs and areas of greatest priority.

“Thanks to community generosity, we are fulfilling our vision to provide high-quality women's imaging services in an environment specifically designed to meet the needs of women in our community,” Dr. P. Scott McLean, Jr., Foundation president, said.

Encouraged by the community's strong support of women's imaging services, the hospital is able to move forward to construct the center which will be located in the Physician Office Building, adjacent to the hospital. The hospital plans to begin construction in March and open the center in the late summer of 2009.

“I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our community in support of our Women's Imaging Center. Building the center illustrates the remarkable power of generosity to accelerate the advancement of healthcare services,” said McLean. “The commitment of our leadership donors and the positive response to our 2008 year-end appeal, has given us confidence that the project will be fully funded with philanthropic dollars by the end of this year.”

Because the hospital has dedicated its resources to other critical needs like the construction of St. Luke's Clinic in Hailey, this initiative must be funded fully with philanthropic support.

The Women's Imaging Center will profoundly impact women by expanding the hospital's services to include digital mammography. While the majority of mammograms conducted nationwide are analog, St. Luke's remains at the forefront of organizations moving toward digital mammography. Digital technology will aid in offering earlier detection of breast cancer.

The Center will centralize women's health services in a comfortable and private setting, focus on community outreach, and expand access to affordable mammograms.

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The St. Luke's Volunteer Core recently pledged \$100,000 to support the St. Luke's Wood River Foundation's Women's Imaging Center campaign, which includes \$35,000 in proceeds from the 2008 Winter Ball. Pictured from left to right are St. Luke's Wood River Foundation President Dr. P. Scott McLean, Jr., Winter Ball co-chair Alma Mills, Volunteer Core board member Margie Hill and Foundation Executive Director Hilary Furlong.

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