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ST. LUKE'S HOSTS ANNUAL TELETHON FUNDRAISER FOR ST. LUKE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Boise, ID (June 2, 2006) –Saturday, June 3 marks the 24th annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon, which will be broadcasted on Today's Channel 6 – KIVI.

Proceeds from this year's event will help to purchase a new electronic medical records system that will provide the resources necessary to meet the future challenges of a new technological era in health care.

Although St. Luke's employs a relatively modern hospital information system, the majority of patient records are in the form of paper charts. Implementing an electronic medical records system will increase accessibility and communication of pediatric patients' health records, improve patient safety, and enhance clinical accuracy. By computerizing health records, we can avoid dangerous medical mistakes, reduce costs, and improve care.

"The generous support we receive from our community is what helps St. Luke's Children's Hospital provide highly specialized care to kids," says Sarah Foltman, CMN director for St. Luke's Children's Hospital. "We're very fortunate to have the level of service that we do in our community and it's clear by the response and generous support we receive every year that the community appreciates it too."

St. Luke's Children's Hospital will care for more than 50,000 children this year alone. As Idaho's only Children's Hospital, our services include a 24-hour emergency department and operating rooms specifically designed and dedicated just for kids, intensive care units for critically ill newborns and children, and an outpatient specialty center to provide multidisciplinary services to children with special medical needs.

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The hallmark of this event is that 100% of the funds raised will benefit St. Luke's Children's Hospital. It is through the generous support of our community that enables us to raise the funds necessary to ensure that the highest quality of medical care is available to the children of our community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year round.

The 2006 CMN telethon will be broadcast live from St. Luke's and will air from **2pm to 10:00 p.m.** on Today's Channel 6-KIVI, Saturday June 3.

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