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St. Luke's Health System Announces Executive Transition Planning Process

Boise, ID (October 8, 2008) – Ed Dahlberg, president and CEO of Idaho-based St. Luke's Health System announced today he plans to retire by March 2010. Dahlberg, 60, has been with the not-for-profit health care organization since 1985. In support of Dahlberg's announcement, St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors has formed a committee to assist with transition planning and facilitate the recruitment of his replacement.

The process of selecting a new president and CEO for the 4-hospital, 800-bed health system is expected to take up to a year to complete. The transition committee anticipates having a slate of qualified candidates identified next spring and their final selection made by late 2009, in order to allow time for Dahlberg to assist the new CEO with his or her transition.

“Ed Dahlberg has been an exceptional leader for St. Luke's and for this community, providing decades of service and stability to our organization,” said Skip Oppenheimer, chairman of the St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors. “While it will be difficult to fill his shoes, Ed has graciously given us a generous timeline to plan this transition, and we have enlisted the help of a broad range of individuals to assist us with the important process of identifying his successor.”

The executive transition process will include input from the various St. Luke's Boards of Directors, physicians, administrative staff, and community representatives who serve on advisory committees to our organization. In addition, St. Luke's is in the final stages of selecting, an executive search firm that will identify and screen potential candidates for the transition committee's consideration.

“The Board is looking for a candidate with unique skills and experience, who not only has the credentials to successfully lead a growing organization in an extremely complex industry, but a person who believes in the mission of St. Luke's and is committed to forming successful partnerships that benefit the health of the people in the communities we serve,” concluded Oppenheimer.

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