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## **John Kee Accepts New Position with St. Luke's Health System**

Twin Falls – (November 21, 2006) John Kee, CEO of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center announced today that he has accepted an opportunity to work with St. Luke's Health System in working jointly with the physician community in developing integrated approaches to the healthcare delivery system. Kee will be leaving the position of CEO in early 2007.

"I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve as the CEO for St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. This new position offers me the opportunity to work more closely with physicians which I believe is fundamental to successful changes in the healthcare environment." I feel fortunate in continuing to build on many long-term relationships in Idaho." In this new role, Kee will be responsible for the identification, implementation, and oversight of strategies that help align hospital and physician energies in serving the community and the region.

"The health care environment is changing rapidly and the dynamics between physicians and hospitals are evolving as well," said Ed Dahlberg, president and CEO of St. Luke's Health System. "Our organization realizes the importance of developing and growing our relationships with physicians and we're pleased John has agreed to step into this new position and help us with this vital need. He has a demonstrated ability in this area and a strong interest in working with physicians to ensure the needs of our patients are met." It's a valuable skill we can use throughout the System.

The Magic Valley Board of Directors will begin, immediately, to identify steps for the transition which will include the identification of the search team. The critical timing of events, and any need for interim solutions will be determined as all options are identified and evaluated. John will continue as CEO until those systems are determined.

In the interim, with St. Luke's Health System involved, the developing plan for the replacement hospital in Twin Falls will continue without interruption.