



April 30, 2009

For Immediate Release

Media contact: Kerry O'Connor (816) 932-8646, pager (816) 440-0001

Marie Tompkins named Volunteer of the Year at Saint Luke's Hospital

Co-workers praise Tompkins for setting standard

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Marie Tompkins of Kansas City, Mo., was named 2009 Volunteer of the Year at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City. She was honored at the annual volunteer recognition luncheon held April 22.

Tompkins is a volunteer and member of the hospital Auxiliary. She has volunteered at Saint Luke's for 35 years, earning more than 10,590 hours of service. Over the years she's volunteered in a variety of departments and assignments and currently helps in the Emergency Department and Surgery Recovery Room performing a variety of tasks and clerical duties.

Co-workers who nominated Tompkins said, "We all learn from Marie, about hard work, reliability, personal integrity, and accountability, and she performs her duties with a smile and endless vitality. She sets the bar high for others."

Others said, "It is Saint Luke's good fortune to benefit by Marie's time given to this institution, and a greater privilege to the Emergency Department and Recovery Room. We are blessed and honored that she's chosen to be a part of our Saint Luke's Hospital family. Thanks and appreciation to Marie, who makes us better people and our department a better place to be."

Volunteers and Auxilians at Saint Luke's contributed a total of 69,024 hours in 2008, the equivalent of 34 full-time employees valued at more than \$2 million in payroll. For information on volunteer opportunities at Saint Luke's Hospital, call (816) 932-2183 or visit saintlukeshealthsystem.org.

Saint Luke's Health System consists of 11 area hospitals and many primary care practices, and provides a range of inpatient, outpatient, and home care services. Founded as a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, our mission includes a

commitment to the highest levels of excellence in health care and the advancement of medical research and education. The health system is an aligned organization in which the physicians and hospitals assume responsibility for enhancing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of people in the metropolitan Kansas City area and the surrounding region.

###