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St. Luke's Children's Hospital Announces Recipients of 2009 Luke Award

*Tenth Annual Award Recognizes Individuals and Organizations for
Support of Community and Children's Hospital*

Boise – St. Luke's Health Foundation's Children's Advisory Board has named Payette business owner Kathy Patrick and the non-profit organization Children's Archery Challenge as this year's recipients of the Luke Award.

The two recipients will be recognized at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday during a special award's ceremony in the Anderson Center at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center.

Now in its tenth year, the Luke Award recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to fundraising efforts for St. Luke's Children's Hospital.

Patrick, this year's individual recipient, may only stand less than five feet tall, but she is a giant.

As owner of Patrick's Pub in Payette, Patrick's occupation is more community caretaker than barkeep. She is the first to lend a hand to someone in need and is known throughout Payette and beyond for her generosity in hosting charitable events.

In 1995, Patrick's first granddaughter, Amethyst, was born at St. Luke's Children's Hospital. Requiring special care for birth defects, Amethyst spent the first month of her young life in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. Inspired by her granddaughter's care and treatment, Patrick made it her personal mission to give back to the Children's Hospital.

Patrick decided to turn her annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at Patrick's Pub into a fundraiser, encouraging donations for her homemade corned beef and cabbage. Now 14 St. Patrick's Days later, Patrick and the patrons of Patrick's Pub have raised more than \$25,000 for St. Luke's Children's Hospital.

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The Children's Archery Challenge, this year's organization winner, was founded in 1999 by the Pogue family who gathered together local archery clubs to hold an annual tournament as a way to benefit local children with cancer.

Their initial goals were modest - any amount, large or small, could make a difference for children and families facing life-threatening illnesses.

The two-day tournament is held in Eagle every spring and draws more than 500 people. The weekend event includes activities for kids, silent and live auctions and a barbecue dinner.

A committee of family and friends are the driving force behind the tournament. They work year-round; soliciting auction items, securing donations, and coordinating entertainment and games. The Children's Archery Challenge is the largest grassroots fundraiser for St. Luke's Children's Hospital, raising more than \$150,000 for the kids at St. Luke's.

Past winners of the Luke Award include:

- 2008 – Shirley Osborne and Norco Medical
- 2007 – Dixie Dykman and KIVI Channel 6
- 2006 – Mike & Lisa Simplot and Courtyard by Marriott
- 2005 – David Bishop and JR Simplot Co.
- 2004 – Charles & Carolyn Leader and Albertsons
- 2003 – Celeste Keller and Dairy Queen
- 2002 – Gwen Lytle and Blueprints Plus
- 2001 – Sherry Iverson and St. Luke's Auxiliary
- 2000 – Dawneen Blakeslee and Wells Fargo

About St. Luke's Children's Hospital

St. Luke's Children's Hospital is Idaho's only children's hospital. Located at St. Luke's Boise and Meridian Medical Centers, the Children's Hospital treats more than 50,000 children a year. The hospital is home to Idaho's largest and most experienced Level III Newborn Intensive Care Unit and the state's only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

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