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The St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will celebrate the memory of Patricia "Pat" Neale and her 50 years of service to the Magic Valley community.

When those who worked with Pat Neale remember her now, dedication, commitment and compassion are the first things that come to mind.

The SLMVRMC Diagnostic Imaging Department and the St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation celebrates the memory of Patricia "Pat" Neale and her 50 years of service to the Magic Valley community and the hospital with refreshments and a plaque unveiling on June 6 at 5:00 p.m. in front of the Diagnostic Imaging Department.

Pat was a 50-year hospital employee who was both well respected and inspirational. "She had an insatiable appetite for knowledge," said Dr. Ben Katz, a Twin Falls pediatrician and Foundation board member. "Anything Pat did, she did to her utmost capacity. She had energy and drive."

Neale's 50-year personal dedication to the hospital brought her much respect and inspired others around her. "She really cared about the quality of health care," said her niece, Vesta Maughan. "It meant everything to her to continue working with patients, and she worked through everything. Even the weekend before her last major surgery."

Pat Neale also cared deeply about the community and was involved in local activities as well. She encouraged her family to be aware of issues and to take an active role.

From her years on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Executive Committee, Pat understood the value of unrestricted charitable gifts. She took pride in being the

first hospital employee (and the first board member) to donate to the Foundation's fall Annual Hospital Campaign.

In November 2005, Pat and her husband Ray made a gift of real estate to the Foundation, which established the Pat and D. Ray Endowment Fund. Investment proceeds from their gift will be used at the Foundation Board's discretion for the ongoing needs of the hospital. In 2005, Pat and Ray were named the Foundation's Philanthropists of the Year.

Pat Neale's unfailing dedication, commitment and compassion will continue to benefit patients at St. Luke's MVRMC even in her absence.

For additional information concerning the SLMV Health Foundation or how you can become involved, please contact Executive Director, Larry W. Baxter, CFRE, at (208) 737-2480.

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