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St. Luke's Celebrates Black History Month

(San Francisco, CA) – February 1, 2006 – St. Luke's Hospital along with our African American Health Disparities Committee is celebrating Black History Month by inviting health-related organizations in the African American community to staff tables during the mid-day lunch period, educating the hospital staff and the public about their programs and services. This will better enable the African American Community to make informed decisions about their health.

Many organizations from San Francisco will be participating, including: The American Diabetes Association, Health & Environmental Resource Center (HERC), American Heart Association, The Jelani House, St. Luke's Breast Health Center, Bayview Hunter's Point Foundation for Community Improvement, Black Coalition on AIDS, Black Infant Health Improvement Project and St. Luke's Women's & Mother's Clinic. Information on such health topics as asthma, breast health, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, heart health, infant health, mental health, pregnancy & parenting, substance abuse and available youth services will be available. For more information, please go to www.stlukes-sf.org.

In addition, on February 28, a dinner to honor the life and commitment of Dr. Arthur H. Coleman and his service to the African American Community of San Francisco will be held. Arthur Coleman was one of San Francisco's first black physicians and a celebrated healthcare and civil rights advocate. He campaigned not only for better services for his mainly African American patients, but also for more opportunities for young people from ethnic minorities to enter medicine.

The second annual Arthur H. Coleman Memorial Award will be given to the person who most embodies the fire and passion that Dr. Coleman brought to his service in the community. Last year's winner was Dr. Stephen Lockhart, Medical Director of Surgical Services at California Pacific Medical Center.

St. Luke's Hospital is a full-service, 260-bed private non-profit hospital, providing quality health services to all San Franciscans for over 135 years. St. Luke's Hospital offers a full range of services including: 24-hour emergency care, inpatient and outpatient surgery; labor, delivery and maternity; a state-of-the-art orthopedic clinic; cardiac catheterization and a cardiac care center; a neonatal intensive care unit; oncology services; a full-service imaging department (MRI, CT scan, bone densitometry); a new breast health center and diabetes and asthma education programs. St. Luke's capable and caring staff is uniquely qualified to provide high quality health care to the diverse cultural populations of San Franciscans.

St. Luke's Hospital is an affiliate of Sutter Health, one of the nation's leading not-for-profit networks of community-based health care providers, which delivers high quality care in more than 100 Northern California communities. Sutter Health supports more than two dozen locally run acute care hospitals and physician organizations, medical research facilities, physician and nurse education programs, and region-wide home health, hospice and occupational health services.