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**TWO AREA HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE
FOR THE 2009 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT SAUCON VALLEY**

Bethlehem, Pa. – St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network and Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network have been selected to co-provide medical care for the 2009 U.S. Women's Open Championship scheduled for July 6-12, 2009, at Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa. Together, the hospitals will supply more than 85 volunteer nurses, physicians and other staff to cover two medical stations within the course.

“During the 2009 U.S. Women's Open, the Lehigh Valley will be on display for the world to see,” said Mimi Griffin, Executive Director of the 2009 U.S. Women's Open Championship. “We want the best of our community to be in the spotlight and having the two finest healthcare facilities in the region providing medical care is a critical component of that goal.”

“St. Luke's is pleased to once again provide health care services in support of a major golf event in our region. In past years, St. Luke's has provided the health care services for the 1992 and 2000 U.S. Senior Open Championships, also at Saucon Valley Country Club,” says Richard A. Anderson, President & CEO, St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network.

“We are honored to be involved with such a noteworthy championship that is going to bring national and international attention to our community,” says Elliott J. Sussman, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network. “We look forward to a safe, healthy championship and to serving the participants, spectators and staff at the prestigious U.S. Women's Open.”

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Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network, a premier academic community hospital, includes three hospital facilities – two in Allentown and one in Bethlehem, Pa. – Lehigh Health Services, providing home health, hospice, pharmaceutical and health management services and the 400-member Lehigh Valley Physician Group of primary care and specialist physicians. LVHNN’s advanced regional resources include a Level I Trauma Center with added pediatric qualifications, regional Burn Center as well as kidney and pancreas transplant, perinatal/neonatal, cardiac, cancer care, and neurology and complex neurosurgery capabilities. LVHNN hospitals are designated national Magnet hospitals for excellence in nursing. In 2007, U.S. News & World Report named Lehigh Valley Hospital one of America’s Best Hospitals for the 12th consecutive year.

Additional information is available at www.lvh.org or by calling (610) 402-CARE.

St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network is a nationally recognized, fully integrated network of four non-profit hospitals and numerous related health care services and facilities. With more than 44,000 annual admissions and 1,200 physicians, the Network offers 76 medical specialties and provides care in eight counties in Eastern Pennsylvania. Areas of special expertise include: a fully accredited Level I trauma center, a nationally honored cardiovascular surgery program, oncology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, high-risk pregnancy, the region’s busiest obstetrical service, a leading robotic surgery center, interventional radiology and vascular disease. St. Luke’s has been named a major teaching hospital in the U.S. and offers 18 fully accredited residency and fellowship programs serving more than 170 physician/students. St. Luke’s has more than 6,300 employees and is supported by more than 1,000 volunteers.

For more information on St. Luke’s community involvement, please visit www.slhnn.org or call (610) 954-4131.

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