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SAINT LUKE'S FOUNDATION HONORS JENNIFER MARTNICK OF HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE WITH 2016 SUPERSTAR AWARD

CLEVELAND – Saint Luke's Foundation is pleased to announce that Jennifer Martnick, a Palliative Care Team Leader with Hospice of the Western Reserve, is the recipient of the Foundation's 2016 Superstar Award. This award recognizes the very best direct service staff in the field who distinguish themselves and their work by using data to constantly adjust their service delivery approach while intentionally striving to build transformational relationships with those being served.

Saint Luke's Foundation is co-sponsoring the Superstar Award alongside the Baltimore, Maryland-based Superstar Foundation. The Superstar Award is a \$5,000 cash prize awarded to a deserving nominee in Northeast Ohio by a six-person award committee. It is intended to augment the financial compensation of high-performing human service professionals, while also serving as an example for others who are striving to improve their effectiveness.

Additionally, the Superstar Foundation announced this week that Martnick has been named a national Veronica Award recipient for her work. Veronica Award recipients are chosen from the pool of all local Superstar Award recipients throughout the U.S. Martnick is one of only four Superstar Award winners chosen to receive a prestigious national Veronica Award. The Veronica Award includes an additional \$5,000 cash prize.

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“Our Superstar Award nomination process once again affirms the tremendous depth of direct service talent right here in Northeast Ohio,” said Anne C. Goodman, President and CEO of Saint Luke’s Foundation. “Jennifer’s talents and commitment to caring really embody the qualities that we look for in a Superstar Award recipient. We actively support this kind of work throughout our community—Jennifer’s accomplishments demonstrate its powerful impact.”

The mission of Hospice of the Western Reserve is to provide palliative end-of-life care, caregiver support and bereavement services throughout Northern Ohio. In celebration of the individual worth of each life, the organization strives to relieve suffering, enhance comfort, promote quality of life, foster choice in end-of-life care and support effective grieving.

In her work as Team Leader, Martnick manages nurse practitioners and social workers working in palliative care. Specific responsibilities include scheduling; conducting chart audits; developing practices, processes and data fields; participating on committees and the Journal Club; monitoring survey outcomes; reviewing literature for evidence-based practices; and conducting educational sessions on palliative care and advanced serious illness management.

About Saint Luke’s Foundation

Now in its 18th year of grantmaking, Saint Luke’s Foundation is dedicated to improving and transforming social and physical conditions in our neighborhood and improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Greater Cleveland. Our program strategy framework positions us to build sustainable solutions to key issues that impact our community. Since it was established with the charitable assets of the Saint Luke’s Medical Center in 1997, the Foundation has awarded more than \$140 million in grant payments. Information on the work of Saint Luke’s Foundation is available on the Foundation’s website:

www.saintlukesfoundation.org.

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