COMMIT Campaign Update January 5, 2017

The interior of Founder's Hall is changing on a daily basis. The second floor, home of The Barnes Learning Center, is now accessible and it is exciting to see the rooms come to life as they are framed out. The AC vents are hung and indicators for room lighting is also established. The stage is also taking shape. The dirt currently visible in the stage space will be used for the foundation. The soil has been packed in and trenches are now being dug to accommodate the needed conduit runs for lighting, audio/visual, and IT service. During the sneak peek scheduled for Sunday, January 22 between all worship services, there will be signage throughout the spaces to identify rooms. Those in attendance on January 22 will be able to tour the interior of Founder's Hall and get a great sense of the layout of the new space. St. Luke's staff and volunteers will be on hand the morning of January 22 to help explain specific uses and answer questions.

Design progress on the renovations needed for the remaining portions of the campus is also underway. St. Luker Ken Simback is working with the architect to implement strategic changes that the Building Committee made to the Fellowship Hall design plan. This team of volunteers made a number of modifications to ensure the space is youth-friendly as well as multipurpose. Renovations are expected to begin within the first quarter of 2017.

East Winter Garden is experiencing remarkable results thanks in large part to carefully cultivated partnerships in the community. COMMIT Campaign funds support this community transformation work and a portion of those dollars were used to purchase a house in the area which will be the St. Luke's Volunteer and Hospitality Center. This space will be used by neighborhood residents and volunteers as a place to gather, hold neighborhood meetings, and access computers for residents to pursue educational and vocational aspirations. Some of St. Luke's Community Transformation staff members will also work out of this location. St. Lukers and friends are invited to attend an Open House and Dedication on January 14 as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend activities. Make sure you see the article in the St. Luke's "Celebrate" magazine for more detailed information about all the great work happening in East Winter Garden.

Thank you to all those who have supported and who are currently supporting the COMMIT Campaign. Your dollars are at work and changing lives in ways you cannot even imagine. If you have not had a chance to participate in the COMMIT Campaign we still need your support. Our goal is to see ALL St. Lukers participate in the COMMIT Campaign. For more information and to pledge visit www.st.lukes.org/commit. For questions contact Kelly Smith, Executive Director of Operations, at ksmith@st.lukes.org or 407.876.4991 ext. 223.