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## **Inspirica Launches Strategic Partnership with St. Luke's School**

**STAMFORD, CT** – Inspirica is excited to announce the launch of its newest strategic partnership with St. Luke's School in New Canaan. This dynamic joint venture is focused around a main objective to increase community understanding of and commitment to public service and Inspirica's mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness. Through events and special projects the partnership will work towards a number of goals, such as: increasing students' exposure to careers in public service; deepening student understanding of the homelessness problem and its impact on society; expanding opportunities for Inspirica's clients; and creating professional development opportunities for school faculty and Inspirica staff by leveraging each other's expertise.

Examples of potential programs and projects include: school faculty assisting with developing curriculum for Inspirica's Youth Services program and *Jumpstart* Career Program; Inspirica staff assisting with including the subject of public service and homelessness into St. Luke's School's class curricula; and opportunities for Inspirica children to go on field trips with St. Luke's students.

"St. Luke's School works with service organizations around the world, but this new partnership with Inspirica is particularly exciting. It's a chance for St. Luke's students to deepen their understanding of the homeless situation that exists right here at home, and to do something about it. By creating a long-term relationship with Inspirica, St. Luke's can offer students and faculty the chance to build their own relationships and experience the impact of their efforts over time. And it's absolutely a two-way street. Inspirica offers St. Luke's students and teachers the opportunity to engage meaningfully with one of the most devastating challenges of our time, to say nothing of the invaluable gift of sharing our hearts, our strength, our minds, and our time with other people. Inspirica gives us a real opportunity to live our motto: Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve" said Mark Davis, Saint Luke's School's Head of School.

"We are excited to find such a strong partner for our work. Both Inspirica and Saint Luke's School are respected institutions in the community. This innovative partnership will permeate through all facets of both organizations, from board members to staff to student and clients. We look forward to forging a partnership that is both broad and deep that can create life-changing experience for our organizations far into the future," said Jason Shaplen, Inspirica's CEO.

### **About Inspirica**

Inspirica is one of the largest providers of services to the homeless in the state of Connecticut and the largest in lower Fairfield County. It provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing to approximately 240-260 people each night. Additionally, it provides education & employment services, youth services and access to a vast array of other services such medical and dental care, in-patient substance abuse treatment, psychiatric care, etc. through a network of formal, strategic partnerships. <http://InspiricaCT.org/>

### **About St. Luke's School**

St. Luke's is a secular, college-preparatory day school serving grades 5-12. Located in New Canaan, CT, St. Luke's attracts families from 25 towns throughout Connecticut and New York. A combination of challenging academics and truly exceptional community support distinguishes St. Luke's and encourages our students to go above and beyond their own expectations. St. Luke's prides itself on being a forward-thinking school and home to the Center for Leadership—offering signature global education, service learning and leadership-focused programs. For more information about St. Luke's and the Center for Leadership, please visit [www.stlukesct.org](http://www.stlukesct.org)