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**GERARD M. TURINO, M.D., TO BE HONORED AT ST. LUKE'S AND
ROOSEVELT HOSPITALS THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GALA**

New York, NY (April 27, 2010) Gerard M. Turino, M.D., founding Director of the James P. Mara Center for Lung Disease at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals and a John H. Keating Senior Professor of Medicine Emeritus at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, will be honored at the Thirteenth Annual St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals Gala scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2010 at The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, located at Amsterdam Avenue and 112th Street. Cocktails will begin at 6:30pm, with dinner to follow at 7:30pm.

Dr. Turino has served St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals for over 25 years and during that time, he has made significant contributions to the advancement of medical excellence in the field of pulmonary medicine and chronic lung diseases. Over the course of his esteemed career, Dr. Turino has provided care to thousands of patients, trained hundreds of pulmonary physicians and conducted countless research studies. Dr. Turino has served as President of the New York Heart Association (NYHA) and also chaired the NYHA's Task Force on Organizational Structure and the Committee on Professional Education. In addition, Dr. Turino serves on numerous boards including the American Thoracic Society Foundation, the American Lung Association and the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Foundation.

Says Frank J. Cracolici, President of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals, "We are delighted to honor Dr. Turino for his extraordinary service and compassionate

professionalism. He has proven to be an inspiring educator and a dedicated clinician to our patients, students and colleagues.”

About the James P. Mara Center for Lung Disease:

The James P. Mara Center for Lung Disease was established through the generous support of Judith Mara Carson and her husband, Russell L., in loving memory of her brother, James P. Mara, who died of pulmonary emphysema at the age of 40.

Their vision - to increase community awareness, improve patient education and advance treatment of lung disease through basic science and clinical research - was realized on December 1st, 1998, when the James P. Mara Center for Lung Disease opened its doors to the New York City community.

Its mission is to serve individuals with asthma and chronic lung diseases associated with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or COPD. COPD is a classification of conditions affecting the airways of the lungs. Such conditions include chronic asthma, chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

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TO PURCHASE TICKETS: Please call the Benefits Office at (914) 579-1000.

Tickets are \$750.

NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA: If you wish to attend and report the St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals Gala, please contact Michelle Pipia-Stiles at 212/523-4044 (office) or 917/686-2478 (cell).