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Immediate Release

2 BigHearts Foundation, La Porte Regional Health System and New Buffalo Savings Bank Partner to offer *Free* Heart Screenings

La Porte, IN – 2 BigHearts Foundation and La Porte Regional Health System have again partnered along with corporate sponsor New Buffalo Savings Bank to offer women *free* heart screenings on Saturday, February 17th, 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the New Buffalo Savings Bank, 45 N. Whittaker Street, New Buffalo, MI. Pre-registration is required and offer is limited to the first 100 callers.

Jim Clarke founded the 2 BigHearts Foundation in memory of his late wife Gigi and sister-in-law Sally who at the ages of 44 and 49 lost their lives to heart disease on the same day. Both had undiagnosed cardiomyopathy (enlargement of the heart) and their deaths could have been prevented with increased awareness.

Heart disease continues to be the #1 killer of women in the United States. The 2 BigHearts Foundation and La Porte Regional Health System have offered four *free* heart screening since February 2004 to over 400 women. The 2 BigHearts Foundation and La Porte Regional Health System continue working together to educate individuals and families about the causes and prevention of heart disease in women and welcome New Buffalo Savings Bank as a corporate sponsor.

Funds raised from the annual Memorial Day 5K Run/Walk and Golf outing make it possible to offer women this life-saving screening and help to honor the memories of these two big hearts.

To schedule a time for the heart screening, call La Porte Hospital Foundation toll free at (877) 265-4539. For more information on heart disease or how you can help spread the word go to www.2BigHearts.org, call the Women's HeartAdvantage™ line at (800) 235-6204 extension 2600 or visit our website at www.laportehhealth.org.

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