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Lawrence P. Levitt, MD Retires as Pool Trustee

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Allentown, PA (April 26, 2011) – Lawrence P. Levitt, MD, Senior Consultant in Neurology Emeritus at Lehigh Valley Health Network [LVHN], has retired as planned from the Board of Trustees of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust.

Dr. Levitt was one of the original trustees of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, having been personally selected by the late Leonard Parker Pool, founder of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Fellow trustees during his 35 year tenure at the Trust have included Edward Stemmler, MD, former dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; Edward Donley, who succeeded Leonard Pool as C.E.O. of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.; H. Robert Cathcart, former President of The Pennsylvania Hospital and Chairman of the American Hospital Association; and Andrew Wallace, MD, former C.E.O. of Duke University Medical Center and Dean of Dartmouth Medical School. During Dr. Levitt's time

on the board, the Trust helped develop Pennsylvania's first hospice program, helped LVHN create the first level-1 trauma center in PA, facilitated a major medical school affiliation, a burn center, and it recently helped to fluoridate Allentown's water supply. The Trust committed \$115 million through 732 grants.

“Dr. Levitt has substantially influenced the culture, trajectory and success of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust and, in turn, the success of Lehigh Valley Health Network, and

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ultimately, the health of the citizens of the Lehigh Valley,” said Edward F. Meehan, Executive Director of the Pool Trust.

Levitt, the principal in LPL Consulting, started the neurology division in 1972 at Lehigh Valley Hospital. The hospital, now Lehigh Valley Health Network, has become one of the largest teaching hospitals in Pennsylvania. He helped grow the division of neurology to 11 members and he was managing partner of Lehigh Neurology, a private group practice for 25 years. Dr. Levitt held the rank of Professor of Clinical Medicine (Neurology) at Penn State University's Hershey Medical Center before he retired.

The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust was founded in 1976 by the estate of Leonard Parker Pool and named for his wife, Dorothy Rider Pool. The Trust’s mission is to serve as a resource that enables Lehigh Valley Health Network to be a superior regional hospital and improve the health of the citizens of the region it serves. The Trust’s grantmaking, more than \$8 million in 2010 and \$115 million since its inception, has provided resources to LVHN to support clinical innovation; medical, nursing, and allied health professions education; health services research; and programs to improve community health. Its shared goal with LVHN is to have a dramatic, demonstrable, and sustained positive impact on the health of the citizens of the Lehigh Valley. Please visit the Pool Trust’s website at www.pooltrust.org for more information.

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