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## Commemorative Home Plate is Handed Over at Site of New Wilder Center

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (July 2, 2007)** – The Wilder Foundation and Saint Paul Saints recently honored their shared history with the placing of a commemorative home plate on the construction site of the new Wilder Center in Saint Paul. The new building under construction at the corner of Lexington Parkway and University Avenue in Saint Paul, the former site of Lexington Park and the original home of the Saints' from 1897 to 1956. Architects pin-pointed the exact spot of the original home plate; the new brass plate will rest there once construction is finished in late 2007. Taking part in the ceremony were (from left to right) Derek Sharrer, executive vice president and general manager of the Saints; Tom Kingston, president of the Wilder Foundation; Rolf Thompson, Wilder's director of Resource Development; and Saints' mascot Mudonna.



#### *About the New Wilder Center*

The 99,953 square-foot, four-story building will house approximately 300 employees from Wilder Programs, Wilder Research and Administration and Executive Offices, and is designed to accommodate more than 22,000 client visits each year. A key feature of the building will be a community convening space for up to 300 people to attend training, education and leadership events.

#### *About the Wilder Foundation*

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is a nonprofit health and human services organization that has served the greater St. Paul, Minnesota, area since 1906. The Foundation operates more than 70 programs and services that help children succeed in school; troubled youth and families; individuals and families maintain long-term housing; older adults remain independent; and organizations and individuals work for positive change in the community. Wilder Research is one of the nation's largest nonprofit research and evaluation groups dedicated to practical research in the field of human services. Wilder Leadership Programs work to nurture and build the skills of emerging community leaders, and to renew the energy and commitment of experienced leaders.

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