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KEITH TO COMPLETE SERVICE AS GREENLEAF CEO IN JULY 2012

Westfield, IN, December 7, 2011--Dr. Kent M. Keith, CEO of the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, has announced his decision to complete his service as CEO of the Center on July 31, 2012. When he assumed the position of CEO on April 15, 2007, he made a commitment to serve as CEO for five years.

"I have truly enjoyed my work at the Greenleaf Center," said Dr. Keith. "The Board, the staff, our donors, and our colleagues in the servant leadership movement have worked together to accomplish a lot in the past five years. I am grateful to them, and I am proud to have been part of the team."

"Kent has done a superb job as the CEO," said Dr. Bob Thomas, Chair of the CEO Search Committee and Chair-Elect of the Board of Trustees of the Greenleaf Center. "He has led a remarkable period of growth for the Center, establishing new programs, creating new products, and developing new relationships. He has been an articulate advocate for servant leadership through his speeches, writing, and actions. His passion for servant leadership has inspired all of us who had the blessing to be in his presence. He leaves behind a well-run, financially stable organization with a dedicated professional staff capable of achieving our mission. We will miss his leadership, but hope to create vehicles to involve him in the continued growth and development of the Greenleaf Center."

During the past five years, the Board and staff have implemented annual action plans based on a multi-year strategic plan. In spite of the economic downturn, the Center generated operating surpluses and expanded its programs. The Center created Greenleaf Seminars, established the Greenleaf Academy, launched the Greenleaf Scholars Program, conducted new servant leadership retreats, designed intensive training workshops, and conducted the Center's first healthcare

conference. The Center's most recent annual international conferences have been the best-attended in the Center's history. The Center partnered with other organizations in holding regional conferences, and established relationships with Kiwanis International, Alpha Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Theta, and the Association of Leadership Professionals.

During the past four and a half years, Dr. Keith has given 225 keynote presentations, classes, and seminars in more than 80 cities in the United States as well as Canada, Greece, Iceland, Korea, the Netherlands, Singapore, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. He has edited three books and six essays, and authored three books: *The Case for Servant Leadership*, published by the Greenleaf Center in 2008; *Servant Leadership in the Boardroom: Fulfilling the Public Trust*, published in 2011; and the forthcoming *Frequently Asked Questions about Servant Leadership*.

Dr. Keith expressed thanks for the strong support he has received during the past five years from his family. "We owe a special great debt of gratitude to Kent's wife, Dr. Elizabeth Keith," said Dr. John Burkhardt, a member of the Board of Trustees. "A professional in her own right, she made it possible for Kent to travel, write, and devote the time needed to build new programs at the Center. We thank her for the significant sacrifices she has made."

The Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization governed by an international Board of Trustees. The mission of the Center is to promote the awareness, understanding, and practice of servant leadership among individuals and organizations. More information about the Center is available at www.greenleaf.org.

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