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• Foundation presents SMH with \$670,000 check

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SHERIDAN — The Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation presented Sheridan Memorial Hospital with a \$670,314 check for the Welch Cancer Center Wednesday at the SMH board of trustees' final 2011 meeting.

The donation is a part of a total \$5.9 million in pledges and gifts col-



**Quotable**

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lected by the Foundation, according to foundation director Ada Kirven.

"As we collect pledges and cash gifts that come in, we accumulate those, and this is the accumulation of the gifts received this year toward that \$5.9 million," Kirven said.

Some of the \$5.9 million total includes future pledges, she said, which will come in over the next four years.

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# Gift

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The \$670,314 was accumulated from community gifts, including a \$58,000 donation from The Helmsley Charitable Trust.

Construction at the Welch Cancer Center remains on schedule and under budget, according to Rob Forister, hospital facilities manager.

Jennifer Pfister, Welch Cancer Center manager, said the major equipment purchases at the center are complete. The last major expenditure of \$26,000 was for five chemotherapy chairs built specifically for the Welch Cancer Center.

“We have ordered all of our minor equipment, or will be ordering it in the future,” Pfister said. “The furniture will be ordered next month. ... That should be done in January, also under budget.”

Pfister said the final asset to find will be artwork.

“We are looking at a lot of wildlife photography for artwork,” Pfister said. “We have decided that that is a very calming feature. In talking with patients, they like seeing the nature theme, the waterfalls, trees and leaves. We are trying to keep it very calming

in the building, so that is where we’re headed.”

The hospital is still searching for a medical oncologist for the center, SMH CEO Mike McCafferty said. The hospital will work with Merritt Hawkins, a nationwide healthcare provider recruitment service agency, to send 4,500 direct mail announcements to potential medical oncologist candidates in the beginning of January.

When asked why it has been a challenge to find a medical oncologist, McCafferty said the field of medical oncologists is small.

“(Medical oncology) is a very tight specialty,” McCafferty said. “There is somewhere in the neighborhood of 7,000 potential candidates out there in the United States. We’ve identified that there are around 4,000-4,500 that would fit into our criteria. Of those, there are probably going to be 2 percent that have an interest.”

### ***In other news ...***

Dr. Bradley Hanebrink stepped down from his position as medical chief of staff Wednesday. Hanebrink served from 2008-2011, and will join the Foundation board of trustees. Dr. John Addlesperger will serve as medical chief of staff beginning Jan. 1.