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## Cancer center gets \$3 million grant

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SHERIDAN — The Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation announced Monday that it received \$3,009,000 in funding over three years from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust to assist with the purchase of new equipment for the Welch Cancer Center.

The hospital will purchase a new linear accelerator and CT treatment planning equipment with the grant, moving steps closer to completing the \$8.4 million Welch Cancer Center project.

Approved by the hospital's board of trustees in February,



### Quotable

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SMH CEO

the Welch Cancer Center is intended to provide residents of Sheridan County and the surrounding area with state-of-the-art cancer diagnosis and treatment options.

“We are extremely grateful for the support of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust in helping fund rural cancer

care,” said Mike McCafferty, hospital CEO. “The availability of these new technologies will enhance the high quality of care our patients already receive from physicians and staff and will allow patients to remain closer to home — here in Sheridan — with the support of their families and loved ones.”

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Kevin Bailey, Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation board chairman and a hospital board of trustee, said: “This opportunity to apply for and receive funds through The Helmsley Charitable Trust is significant. Because the \$8.4 million project still has funding needs, the foundation will continue to look for other grant opportunities and reach out to the community for support.

“Our plan is to do all we can as volunteers to assist the hospital with the completion of the new Welch Cancer Center. Current foundation gifts and funding, combined with this substantial grant from The Helmsley Charitable Trust, means that Sheridan

Memorial Hospital will incur less long-term funding debt.

Bailey added, “That is vital for our community’s overall healthcare needs and future hospital projects.”

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust’s donation to the Welch Cancer Center is part of its Helmsley Rural Health Program. Over the last two years, the program has provided more than \$104 million in grants to underserved populations in rural areas, specifically the upper Midwest, according to a press release from the organization.

According to its website, the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust is based in New York City and Sioux Falls, S.D.