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The Helmsley Charitable Trust Funds Treatment Equipment at the Hospital's new Welch Cancer Center

The Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation announced today that it has 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 a new linear accelerator and CT treatment planning equipment at the Welch Cancer Center.

The new equipment is part of the \$8.4 million dollar project which the Hospital's Board of Trustees approved in February 2011. With support from The Helmsley Charitable Trust, Sheridan Memorial Hospital's Welch Cancer Center project seeks to provide state-of-the-art cancer diagnosis and treatment options to residents of Sheridan County, and the surrounding area, as well as southern Montana.

According to hospital Chief Executive Officer Mike McCafferty, "We are extremely grateful for the support of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust in helping fund rural cancer care. 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."

According the Foundation Board Chairman and new Hospital Board of Trustee Kevin Bailey, "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. That is vital for our community's overall healthcare needs and future hospital projects."

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust provides funding for innovative projects that use technologies to connect rural patients to specialty medical care that provides the latest medical therapies and facilitates programs for underserved populations that places particular stress on existing health care facilities and local governments.

Sheridan Memorial Hospital's Welch Cancer Center funding is part of The Helmsley Rural Health Program which over the last two years awarded a total of more than \$104 million in grants to institutions and organizations in the upper Midwest. The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, established in 1999, is administered by four trustees selected by Leona Helmsley as a continuation of Mr. and Mrs. Helmsley's generous giving through their lifetimes. The Helmsley Charitable Trust supports a diverse range of organizations with a major focus on health and medical research, in addition to programs in human services, education and conservation. The Helmsley Charitable Trust aspires to improve lives by supporting effective nonprofits.