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The William and Lorene Welch Foundation Makes a Significant Pledge to the Welch Cancer Center

The Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation announced today that the William F. and Lorene W. Welch Foundation pledged \$250,000 to support the new Welch Cancer Center project.

Mike McCafferty, Hospital Administrator stated, "William and Lorene Welch were solid supporters of Sheridan Memorial Hospital when they were alive and they left a legacy which continues to help make Sheridan a strong community today. With their initial gift twenty-six years ago in 1985, total gifts from Mr. & Mrs. Welch and their Foundation have exceeded \$1,285,000 million to Sheridan Memorial Hospital. The community certainly owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Welch for setting healthcare as a priority."

According to Dr. Stamato, "The Welch Cancer Center will continue to provide state-of-the-art cancer care to those in Sheridan and the surrounding communities. We are extremely honored to recognize the Welch pledge of support for this project. This organization's funding has always been extremely important to our cancer care vision and we are pleased to partner with the Welch Foundation on many of our projects."

With this most recent gift, the Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation updated the campaign total to over \$2.77 million which has been secured in gifts and pledges toward its \$4 million goal. A groundbreaking was held on June 16 and construction on the new center will be visible this summer. When completed in the fall of 2012, it will provide much needed space for patients and their families during their diagnosis and throughout treatment.

Foundation Director Ada Kirven added that the Hospital Foundation was asked by Sheridan Memorial Hospital to raise funds to support a portion of the cost of the \$8.4 project for the building and new equipment. A public campaign is in progress to share project information. Community members may call 673-2418 if they have questions about the new Welch Cancer Center fundraising effort or to schedule a presentation and tour.