

Foundation Makes Donation To Southwest Medical Center

Southwest Medical Center's Foundation has shown its support once again with a donation of \$175,000 to the local healthcare facility. "This donation from the foundation, along with others in the past, assists us in caring for the needs of our citizens by providing us the necessary funds to ensure our facility is up-to-date and modern," said Interim CEO/President Bill Ermann. "We expect to use the recent donation for a number of modernization projects at the hospital that were not included in the current building project. These foundation monies will be utilized to modernize two of the elevators in the hospital." The Foundation, founded in 1980, has been instrumental in assisting the hospital in its efforts to provide quality healthcare close to home, through its donation to the hospital each year. The interest income from the Foundation's assets is also used for capital improvements. Past donations and the projects they helped fund include:

- o A donation in 2008 for \$178,500: The monies were used for the remodel/renovation of the administration, accounting and medical records areas of the hospital.
- o A donation in 2009 of \$70,000: Monies were used for the new skilled nursing unit doors, the obstetrics nurse's station expansion and the cafeteria soffit.
- o A donation in 2010 of \$80,000: Monies was used for carpet for the third and fourth floors and an exhaust fan for the gift shop.
- o A donation in 2011 of \$255,000: Monies will be used for future capital building projects and renovation of a third elevator.

The foundation was also very instrumental in the construction project completed in 1991. They provided \$2 million in funding for the 82,000 square foot south addition (known affectionately as the tower). It is generosity like this which has brought Southwest Medical Center to the point it is today. "Southwest Medical Center relies so much on these support donations especially in light of healthcare's highly regulated reimbursement climate," Ermann said. "Their support is a major factor in accommodating future growth potential and assuring provision of quality patient diagnostic technologies and care."

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