

Swift County Benson Hospital Receives \$510,386 Grant

FUNDING CONNECTS RURAL PATIENTS TO EMERGENCY AND PHARMACY SPECIALISTS

Patients of Swift County Benson Hospital now benefit from the latest technological advances that expand patients' access to quality emergency care and pharmacy services, made possible through a grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust.

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust has awarded Swift County Benson Hospital \$510,386 for eCare, a program that gives physicians immediate access to specialists and pharmacists 24 hours a day. The grant was used to purchase equipment that connects local physicians with specialists and pharmacists.

Swift County Benson Hospital has received equipment for two types of eCare: eEmergency and ePharmacy. eEmergency ensures that board-certified emergency

physicians and emergency-trained nurses are available to assist local providers in treating trauma, heart attack, stroke, and other critical conditions. ePharmacy provides 24-hour access to hospital-trained pharmacists, making it possible for all prescriptions to be reviewed prior to the patient taking the medication, even when the on-staff pharmacists are not available.

"This incredible gift gives local physicians and health care workers an immediate connection to specialty care and pharmacists even if they live in rural areas that have fewer physicians and health professionals," says Melissa McGinty-Thompson, Chief Nursing Officer. "This keeps patients close to home during treatment."



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The Rural Healthcare Program of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust began awarding grants in 2009. The Helmsley Trust has awarded more than \$285 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in the region through the Rural Healthcare Program.

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, established in 1999, supports a diverse range of organizations with a major focus on health and medical research, human services, education and conservation. To date, The Trust has announced more than \$1.5 billion in grants to charitable organizations since 2008.

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We feel that utilizing the services will bring the most medically advanced care to our community and still have the close-to-home care we are known for. It is reassuring to our patients that they can stay here rather than being transferred.