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Hendricks Family Foundation gives \$3M to boost heart unit

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The new Hendricks Family Heart Hospital will be located on the fourth floor of Beloit Hospital. The Hendricks Family Foundation gifted \$3 million to the project - the largest gift ever given in the history of Beloit Health System. Sitting from left are: Dr. Leo Egbujiobi, cardiologist; Diane Hendricks, chairperson of ABC Supply and Hendricks Holding Company; and Tim McKevett, president and CEO of Beloit Health System. Standing from left are Hendricks family members Kim Hendricks, Kevin Hendricks, Kara Stecker, Kendra Story, Kathy Hendricks, Brent Fox, Konya Schuh and Beloit Health System Foundation Executive Director Lara Hermann.

BELOIT i¿½ The new heart hospital being built on the fourth floor of Beloit Memorial Hospital will be named the Hendricks Family Heart Hospital after the Hendricks Family Foundation provided the biggest gift in Beloit Health System history to support the project.

The Hendricks Family Foundation has provided a gift of \$3 million to support the state-of-the-art heart hospital, which is currently under construction at Beloit Memorial Hospital. The Hendricks Family Heart Hospital has a total cost of \$13.8 million and is to be done in three phases, with the final phase to be completed in 2017.

Existing cardiac services at the hospital are continuing on the fourth floor, but work is progressing to make room for other services. For example, critical care units will be moved from the third floor to the fourth floor.

"The new Heart Hospital will be a one-of-a-kind cardiac center of excellence," said Beloit Health System President and CEO Tim McKevett. "This is the largest gift ever given to Beloit Health System and the Hendricks family has truly demonstrated their commitment to improving the quality of life in our community. We are thrilled and humbled that the family has shown such strong dedication and faith in our health system."

"I believe iti¿½s essential that our Beloit community receives access to the finest healthcare options available," said Diane Hendricks, owner and chairperson of ABC Supply Company and Hendricks Holding Company. "This will be a vital component in offering the best opportunities to our residents.

"Our family supports this new facility that will provide convenient access for time-sensitive cardiac circumstances," Hendricks continued. "This "¿½heart hospital within a hospital"½½ gives me great comfort in knowing that our community will have the best options during critical times of need. For this reason, we have decided to partner in this important project with Beloit Health System."

Phase 1 of the heart hospital construction began in the last few months with a new cardiology clinic and physician offices being established on the fourth floor. Phase 2 is expected to begin by mid-2016 with the Hybrid Dual Cath Lab and Operating Suite being built. There also will be remodeling and technology updates for two of the hospitali¿½s cardiac cath labs. Phase 3, to be completed next year, will include new critical care rooms, a private waiting area and a family sleep area.

"The Hendricks Family Heart Hospital will provide a unique patient experience where a highly skilled staff, working with the best technology, will provide a caring and healing environment," said Dr. Leo Egbujiobi, an interventional cardiologist at Beloit Health System. "It will have the latest technology and equipment to bring all aspects of heart care together. The new Hybrid Cath Lab will be one of only three in Wisconsin and the first in the region."

The Hybrid Dual Cath Lab and Operating Suite will be more than double the size of the hospitali½s current operating room. This area will feature elements of a traditional cardiac catheterization lab, but it also will feature an operating room for more advanced procedures such as heart bypass surgery, heart valve repair or replacement and vascular surgery.

The Hendricks Family Heart Hospital also will support new procedures such as the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) and the Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR) procedures.

"We are delighted as a family to support this heart hospital," said Kendra Story, Hendricks family member and a Beloit Health System Board of Directors member. "Our families, our employees and our neighbors utilize this hospital and its great heart care. We should be proud in Beloit and the Stateline Area that we have the very best heart care right here."