

Rainy Lake Medical Center Receives \$291,313 Grant

Funding Connects Rural Patients to Emergency Specialists

Patients of Rainy Lake Medical Center will benefit from the latest technological advances that expand patients' access to quality emergency care, 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 Rainy Lake Medical Center \$291,313 for eEmergency, a program that gives physicians immediate access to specialty care 24 hours a day. The grant has purchased eEmergency equipment that connects local physicians with emergency specialists. 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.

"This innovative service gives local physicians and health care workers an immediate connection to emergency specialists during difficult and multiple emergency cases," says Dan Odegaard, CEO of Rainy Lake Medical Center. "This assistance may initiate diagnostic testing sooner, and it helps keep patients near their homes."

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 \$217 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 1.1 billion dollars in grants to charitable organizations since 2008.

Rainy Lake Medical Center is dedicated to providing high-quality care to the residents and visitors of International Falls, Minnesota and the surrounding area. We pride ourselves in offering services close to home, reducing the need to travel out of town for many procedures.



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