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THE BI-MONTHLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OF SIERRA VISTA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER FOUNDATION



Our Mission: Sierra Vista Regional Health Center Foundation develops public awareness of, builds community partnerships with, and raises charitable contributions for Sierra Vista Regional Health Center to secure better healthcare for our patients and community.

Our Vision: Sierra Vista Regional Health Center Foundation provides opportunities for people to invest their time, money and energy in a mutually beneficial relationship that makes Sierra Vista Regional Health Center the patient-centered hospital of choice in our community.

Did you know?????

- Researchers at Kansas State University say plants in hospitals promote healing. Patients in hospital rooms with plants and flowers have shorter hospital stays, fewer intake of analgesics, lower rating of pain, anxiety and fatigue and greater satisfaction with their rooms when compared to patients without plants.



Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon.

– Doug Larson



IRA Update

Many of you may know that the government extended the charitable Individual Retirement Account (IRA) rollover provision for people that are at least 70½ years old, to December 31, 2009. This enables qualified donors to make tax-free cash gifts up to \$100,000 directly from an IRA to charitable organizations, such as your Sierra Vista Regional Health Center Foundation.

If you are considering this giving option, call your tax preparer or the Foundation office at 417-4990. As always, we are most grateful for your donation considerations.

It's a Dog's Life....A Question of Ethics

Leona Helmsley, who died in 2007, left the bulk of her \$5 billion estate to a foundation, the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. Her will did not say how the money was to be used. In 2004, she filed a "mission statement" for the foundation, which directed the trustees to disburse the funds for "purposes related to the provision of care for dogs, and such other charitable activities as the trustees shall determine."



While the mission statement didn't have any legal standing, the trustees of her estate sought a ruling on whether they were bound by the mission statement. A judge gave the trustees sole discretion to spend the money, and an ethical discussion has ensued ever since relating to donor intent.

The trustees voted to spend the bulk of the money on human health issues, with a small part going to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Moral of the story: Donors should be very clear and specific about how they want their money spent after they die, or give the money away while they're still alive.

"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint."

~ Mark Twain

A donor says....

"Thanks!"

Recently, a donor wrote a letter with the following comments about the staff at Sierra Vista Regional Health Center:

"I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated and caring staff at the Carter Imaging Center. During the past year I have visited the center eight times and am especially impressed with the welcoming and comfortable reception area and, of course, the professional care I received in the imaging areas."

In addition, imaging results were sent to me in an expeditious and informative manner. At all times I experienced kind, courteous and professional service."

At the SVRHC Foundation, we appreciate your comments!



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Key West Night Results



236 tickets were sold for our first major fundraiser of 2009, and our pie eating contest, as you can see, was a huge hit.



L to R: SVRHC CEO Margaret Hepburn, Lanny Kope, Pat Wick, Robert Murphy

The Foundation raised just over \$18,000 from the proceeds of this event to purchase cardiac monitoring systems for our hospital!



Dr. Karen Nicodemus and Dr. Bill McCormick

Upcoming Events:

- July 8, Tip A Healthcare Professional at La Casita
- August 21-22, Carter Classic Golf Tournament
- November 22-Dec.3, Festival of Trees