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Healthcare Foundation Trustees grant \$627,000 to SMHCS

SARASOTA – On March 25, 2009, Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc.'s board of trustees approved four grants to Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (SMHCS) totaling **\$627,608**, thus increasing the grants awarded by the Foundation to nearly **\$36 million** since 1976.

These recent grants include:

- ▼ **\$245,345** for a 3-D Transesophageal Echocardiogram Ultrasound (TEE) to detect blood clots, masses, tumors, and certain congenital heart and valve problems among open heart and other surgical patients.
- ▼ **\$150,000** to start the SMHart Card Pilot Program, which will provide patients at an SMHCS clinic with wallet-sized plastic cards containing embedded chips with their medical information and photo.
- ▼ **\$145,136** to relocate the Community Medical Clinic for uninsured and underinsured patients from the hospital to Arlington Street and replace some needed equipment.
- ▼ **\$87,127** for partial funding of a Mammotest Stereotactic Breast Biopsy System to complement the higher resolution capabilities of the full field digital mammography units and offer patients the advantages of a minimally invasive intervention and superior image detail for the physician during the biopsy procedure.

Grants made by the Healthcare Foundation support patient care, research, education, technology and facilities at Sarasota Memorial Health Care System and throughout the community.

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