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Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant helps hospital purchase Web-based medical library

MONTPELIER, Idaho — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation. The grant will help the Bear Lake Memorial Hospital purchase a year's subscription to a Web-based medical library database. The medical library database provides the hospital's clinical staff with access to nearly 200 medical journals from professional and government sources.

Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation has been in existence since 1997 with its focus centered on Bear Lake Valley health care. In addition to serving as a resource for hospital staff, the medical database also will help with patient education.

“The information accessible through the Web-based medical library database will help enhance procedures and will benefit the people served by the Bear Lake Memorial Hospital,” said Glen Pond, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. “We are pleased to partner with the Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation to provide the hospital with access to medical information.”

“This grant from Rocky Mountain Power Foundation means more than money. It means help in obtaining medical knowledge for the staff at Bear Lake Memorial Hospital and the patients they serve,” said Craig Thomas, executive director, Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation.

This medical library database will provide resources in three areas. First, as a tool in support of the hospital's Patient Assistance Program, which saves residents thousands of dollars per month in prescription drug expenses. Second, it provides physicians with immediate access to up-to-date diagnostic and treatment information, in addition to access to education programs for clinical team members to earn required continuing education credits. Third, through Kim Hulme, the hospital's health care librarian, community members gain information to aid them in caring for their own health.

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About the Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation

The Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation's mission is to assist in the development, improvement and expansion of the facilities and services of Bear Lake Memorial Hospital and its departments by seeking charitable donations, grants and bequests. Hospital staff and community education are vital to maintaining a high level of patient care. The Bear Lake Health Care Foundation also has been a key resource enabling Bear Lake Memorial Hospital to remodel its Skilled Nursing Facility and add a seven-chair dialysis center. For more information on the hospital and foundation visit www.blmhospital.com.

About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

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