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## Foundation awards more than \$400,000 in grants

(February 23, 2015) – The Salina Regional Health Foundation Board of Trustees recently approved the following grants:

- -- \$199,246.46 to Salina Regional Health Center to buy a new maternal/fetal monitoring system for its Birth Center. The new system will enhance patient monitoring and improve the distinction between the mother's and unborn infant's heartbeat
- -- \$48,190 to the Salina Health Education Foundation at the Salina Family Healthcare Center to fund a patient education system for its clinic
- -- \$35,000 to Occupational Center of Central Kansas to provide the required community match to continue operation of the Med-A-Van Program. Med-A-Van provides free door-to-door non-emergency medical transportation to and from area Sunflower Health Network hospitals and Salina Regional affiliated medical facilities, including: SRHC Santa Fe campus; Salina Medical Arts Building; Santa Fe Medical Plaza; Tammy Walker Cancer Center; Salina Surgical Hospital;

Hospice of Salina; Central Kansas Foundation; and COMCARE locations at East Elm Street and on South Ohio Street

Salina Regional Health Center has tithed more than \$13.5 million to the foundation since 1995 for community outreach and grants through the Community Health Investment Program. Recent grants through CHIP include:

- -- \$50,000 to Sunflower Adult Day Services towards renovation and remodeling of the program's facility. Sunflower provides day care services to adults with various health and medical issues.
- -- \$38,853 to the School Marathon Foundation for the 2015 School Marathon Program.

  Approximately 3,500 students from 8 public and two private elementary schools participated in the marathon program in 2014.
- -- \$25,000 to the Kansas Mission of Mercy, which provided free dental care in a two-day event at the Salina Bicentennial Center
- -- \$19,000 to Shiloh Ranch Ministries to be used towards the construction of an activities facility at Shiloh Ranch, which uses horses, archery, music and other activities for children, many of whom are at risk.
- -- \$10,000 to Child Care Aware of Kansas to provide health and safety training to 110 child care providers in Saline County. Courses include: pediatric first aid and CPR; nutrition and physical activity; and education scholarships.