North Valley Hospital Foundation Receives $200,000 Donation for its Birth Center Expansion

WHITEFISH, MT – August 12, 2015: North Valley Hospital Foundation has received a $200,000 donation towards the hospital’s Birth Center expansion, providing a significant leap toward its capital campaign goal of $2MM. Over $1.2MM has been raised for the project. The latest donation was gifted by an anonymous donor via the Whitefish Community Foundation’s Great Fish Challenge which matches a portion of donations to participating non-profit organizations through September 18th.

North Valley Hospital Foundation is in its second phase of its capital campaign, Building for Generations, to raise $1.5MM needed for the construction of The Birth Center expansion plus an additional $500,000 for obstetric equipment and staff training for a total goal of $2MM.

The current hospital was built to comfortably deliver 250 babies per year, but The Birth Center has seen a baby boom since moving into the new facility and delivered over twice that number in the last 12 months. The project provides for 2730 square feet of new space and extensive renovation of approximately 1045 square feet of existing space for additional labor/delivery/recovery/postpartum rooms and a larger nursery to care for babies needing special attention. Other changes include a larger nurses’ station to accommodate multiple providers and staff, a larger family waiting area, and a new lactation room to assist new mothers.

“We are very thankful to receive such a generous gift toward The Birth Center expansion,” said Jason Spring, CEO of North Valley Hospital. “This community has supported its local hospital for many years and it’s been through the strong culture of philanthropy in our area that allows us to continue delivering quality health care to the citizens of the Flathead Valley.”

North Valley Hospital broke ground on the expansion on April 20th and expects the first of three phases (the actual addition) to be complete and ready for patients in late September. The second phase incorporating the expanded nurse and provider station is scheduled for completion at the end of October with the final phase incorporating the new nursery, lactation room and family waiting area finished in early December.

The hospital’s capital campaign has been in progress since late 2012 when Building for Generations was initiated to focus on the comprehensive plan for meeting the current and future healthcare needs of the communities served by North Valley Hospital. The first project completed in the campaign was the addition of a fourth operating room for North Valley Hospital to accommodate their growing surgical needs while maintaining access for emergency C-sections. The surgery suite expansion broke ground on April 15, 2013 and was completed 6 months later at a cost of $1.76MM.
For more information on the *Building for Generations* campaign, please visit [www.nv hosp.org](http://www.nv hosp.org) and click on the Foundation tab.

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*About North Valley Hospital Foundation:*

North Valley Hospital Foundation is the fundraising arm of North Valley Hospital, a private 501©(3), non-profit community Critical Access hospital. The Foundation is governed by a Volunteer Board of Directors. Its mission is to inspire a culture of giving which assures the transition of excellent healthcare for the community and its heirs.