

Holton hospital reaches fund-raising goal

**(KNZA)--The Holton Community Hospital has reached a major fund-raising goal in its campaign to raise funds for a \$14.6 million expansion and renovation project.**

**In a post on the hospital's Facebook page, hospital officials announced that the "Embrace the Future" capital campaign surpassed its \$1.6 million goal last week. That's the amount needed to receive a \$400,000 "challenge grant" from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, of Tulsa Oklahoma.**

**That puts the fund-raising total in pledges and contributions at \$2 million—a goal established by the hospital to meet a USDA Rural Development requirement for a \$14.6 million loan to cover a majority of the expansion project's costs.**

**Hospital officials also announced that the hospital has reached the \$1 million threshold of cash in the bank needed to help secure the interim financing required for the USDA loan.**

**Funds raising efforts will continue. Hospital officials says pledges and contributions received will now help with equipment, building needs and the Holton Community Hospital Foundation's general fund.**

**Hospital CEO Carrie Saia says construction plans are still being finalized. She said the hospital is still hoping to break ground before fall.**

**The expansion and renovation project will include additions to the emergency department, a nearly 6,600-square-foot clinic building, an updated operating area, a renovated specialty clinic, new office space, meeting and training space, updates to current space and room for future growth.**

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