

Saint Francis Hospital Receives \$1M Grant from the Maximillian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation

The funds will support the comprehensive renovation of the Saint Francis Hospital Inpatient Congestive Heart Failure Unit

HARTFORD, Conn. (April 18, 2019) - The Maximillian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation has awarded Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center a \$1M grant to support the \$3.5M comprehensive renovation of its inpatient Congestive Heart Failure Unit. The newly renovated unit will be named the “Maximillian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Congestive Heart Failure Pavilion.” This is the latest in a decade-long history of extremely generous grants that Saint Francis has received from the Hoffman Foundation.

“We are incredibly grateful for the generosity the Hoffman family has shown Saint Francis over the years,” said Dr. John Rodis, president of Saint Francis Hospital. “With the help of the Hoffman Foundation, we have been able to provide patients with a comprehensive cardiology center, incorporating prevention, wellness, and rehabilitation services along with top specialists and state-of-the-art technology.”

Congestive heart failure is the leading cause of hospitalization in people over age 65. Annually, Saint Francis serves over 2,000 patients in the Congestive Heart Failure Unit and this number continues to rise each year.

“Saint Francis is forever grateful to the Maximillian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation for its long-term, substantial support. For decades, the Hoffman Foundation and its Board of Directors have responded to Saint Francis’ capital needs with tremendous generosity,” stated Lynn B. Rossini, vice president and chief development officer, Saint Francis Foundation. “Over the years significant contributions from the Hoffman Foundation have helped Saint Francis reach the level of excellence in care that it provides to all patients. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Hoffman Foundation and its Board of Directors for their \$1M gift that will help create the new Maximillian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Congestive Heart Failure Pavilion.”

Research has shown that hospital environments have a positive or negative effect on healing. Newer hospitals have designed their patient units with this in mind, with private rooms, calming environments, and family accommodations that enhance the emotional support the patients receive. Saint Francis is thrilled to be able to utilize these funds as a means to create a new, soothing, and comfortable environment for its congestive heart failure patients to complement the medical care these patients receive while they are hospitalized.

The new Maximillian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Congestive Heart Failure Pavilion will be as close to “home” as possible for patients and their families and will provide amenities that are not currently available on the congestive heart failure floor.