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Gertrude R. Leuschner, long time resident of the Smithville area, died in February, 2001. Smithville Regional Hospital has recently received the bequest she had so generously included in her will. Hospital CEO, Dennis Jack, voiced a very grateful "thank you" to Mrs. Leuschner for the \$70,000 check.

"Knowing these funds were coming allowed us to replace our older mammography machine much sooner than we had expected to be able to," said Jack. The new mammography screening equipment saw significant use during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. "Plus, her donation has freed up budgeted dollars and we have been able to up-grade or purchase new equipment in other areas of hospital."

Lueschner's generosity also allowed the purchase of new intravenous (IV) pumps. These are devices used on nursing units, in the operating room, and in the emergency department to provide necessary fluids and medications to patients. An additional improvement resulting from the funds is new software for certain radiology equipment. This software will allow the consolidation of patient reports, greatly enhancing efficiency for both patients and technicians.

"Not-for-profit health care facilities rely a great deal on the generosity of former patients and the community we serve for all types of support," said Jack. "This gift will continue to do good work for many years."

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