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Fund raising appeals are well underway toward new equipment at Perkins County Health Services.

According to Ron Patrick, administrator of the Perkins County Health Services Foundation, $26,000 has been raised for three year-end projects.

The new equipment that will be purchased with funds raised from the year-end appeal include:

• *C-Arm x-ray machine.* This new $100,000 ($50,000 raised by the Foundation) piece of equipment will make it possible for surgical specialists to locally conduct extensive surgeries, said Patrick.

During an operation, the surgeon can view accurate live x-ray images.

The C-arm x-ray machine will be used by Dr. Mark Meyer, orthopedic surgeon who comes to PCHS from the Kearney Bone and Joint Clinic twice a month.

Surgeon James Schiefen will utilize the machine for viewing internal images during surgery.

“Hopefully someday in the future we can do more of the delicate operations that we send people away for,” said Patrick.

• *Fetal monitor:* A $10,000 fetal monitor to be purchased will provide constant surveillance of mother and baby throughout labor, delivery and recovery stages.

• *Other equipment:* New equipment is necessary at Golden Ours Convalescent Home and Park Ridge Assisted Living.

Money from those interested in supporting PCHS long-term care can donate specifically toward the necessary equipment at one of these facilities.

Necessary pieces of equipment at these entities include wheel chairs, electric lift, medication cart and staff lockers.

Through donations, the PCHSF plans to raise $8,170 for these items in the long-term care facilities.

Anyone wishing to donate toward the purchase of any of these pieces of equipment in support of the local health care system may contact Ron Patrick or any board member for more information.