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Bank gives Valley View \$100K

GLENWOOD SPRINGS — American National Bank and the Sturm Family Foundation have donated \$100,000 to Valley View Hospital. The money will be distributed in \$20,000 increments over the next five years and is intended to help with current and future hospital improvements. “I was thrilled,” said Frank McSwain, executive director for the Valley View Hospital Foundation. “For a bank that is not the major institution for Valley View Hospital to still recognize the community bene-fit, it’s a wonderful thing.” American National Bank is owned by the Sturm Financial Group based in Denver and has banks throughout Colorado and Wyoming. According to McSwain the donation is from the local branches of the American National Banks in Rifle and Glenwood Springs in association with the Sturm Family Foundation. The money will help furnish two newly constructed family rooms in the acute care unit on the fourth floor of the hospital. An open house is scheduled for Oct. 16, and a tentative opening date for the family rooms is Nov. 1. The donation is a much- needed and greatly appreciated gift for VVH, according to McSwain, and the funds are much more than just a helping hand. “Since we are a community benefit, we ask for support from community businesses like American National Bank , and they’ve graciously stepped up,” McSwain said. McSwain added that he’s been working with American National Bank Glenwood Springs Branch President John Masur and Colorado River Market president for American National Bank , John Stelzriede, on the donation. McSwain said that the donation is one of the largest he’s received from any of his donors. “ This is the first time they’ve donated money,” McSwain said. “But I think it’s one of their efforts to be more involved in the community and to be more supportive of the community.”