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*****Regents accept \$3.4 million gift
for health science center.

ODESSA--Philanthropists Cecil and Ida Green are giving \$3.4 million to develop further a major center for human reproductive biology at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

The UT System Board of Regents today accepted the gift, one of the largest ever made to UTHSCD, with the proviso that the UT System add \$600,000 more by 1980 to make the fund total \$4 million.

Mr. Green is one of the founders of Texas Instruments. He and Mrs. Green have been particularly generous with the Dallas Health Science Center and its Southwestern Medical School, as well as with many educational institutions worldwide.

The couple gave \$600,000 in 1973 and raised this to \$1 million in 1976 to establish the "Cecil H. and Ida Green Chair in Reproductive Biology Sciences," and the "Cecil H. and Ida Green Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences."

Today's gift, deliverable in ten annual installments from 1978 through 1987, along with the System pledge, brings to \$5 million the funds available for support of the various activities of the Green Center relating to the broad field of reproductive biology.

The couple had given \$1 million several years ago toward construction of the Cecil H. and Ida Green Science Building at the Dallas medical school.

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"I am confident that the ultimate good to society resulting from the Center's operation will be great in terms of reduced morbidity and death of women during pregnancy, and in providing newborn children with the maximal chance for optimal mental and physical health," commented Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of the Health Science Center.

Dr. Paul C. MacDonald, former chairman of the medical school's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is both the director of the Reproductive Biology Center and holder of the chair.

Purpose for the creation of the center, Dr. MacDonald has said, is to provide an environment for scientists to work on the pressing problems involving not only qualitative but quantitative problems of human reproduction.

"Only a few short years ago," Dr. MacDonald said, "it was common for a healthy woman to give birth to four, five, six or more healthy children. For the most part, such women have chosen in recent years to limit markedly their family size such that these healthy women now have one, two or three healthy children.

"Contrarily, in the past, those women who because of physical maladies such as diabetes, hypertension, renal (kidney) disease, heart disease, pre-eclampsia, genetic aberrations and a whole host of other physical maladies... ordinarily limited their families to one to two children...still seek and are entitled to have their children (today)."

Consequently, he said, births and problems of the second group of women constitute a higher percentage of the total today.

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The Obstetrics and Gynecology department at the medical school has been engaged for some time in an overall program of lowering infant deaths and illness through careful management of the pregnant woman and the baby, both prior to and after birth.

It is intended, added Dr. MacDonald, that the Center serve as a major research, teaching and health care resource for the entire scientific community.

One of the leaders of the mammoth TI complex, Mr. Green is internationally known as an industrialist and patron of education. He holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Doctor of Engineering degree from the Colorado School of Mines.

Mrs. Green has been an active partner in writing a remarkable record of educational philanthropy through the years. She has taken a personal interest in the institutions which have been the recipients of the couple's gifts.

The Greens were among the founders of the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies which later grew into The University of Texas at Dallas and of the educational television network TAGER.

Numerous sizable gifts have been bestowed by the Greens on educational institutions from Texas to Australia.

The Greens have received numerous awards and tokens of recognition for their philanthropy. These include the UT System's Santa Rita Award, the highest award The University of Texas System can bestow.

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