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CAIN FOUNDATION DONATES \$2 MILLION FOR CONFERENCE CENTER AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Jan. 9, 2001 – The Cain Foundation of Austin has given \$2 million to fund a major conference center at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The center, which is located in the Seay Biomedical Building, will provide much-needed space for professional meetings, seminars, presentations and other official functions on UT Southwestern's North Campus.

The new Effie Marie and Wofford Cain Conference Center is named for the couple who established the Cain Foundation more than 47 years ago to support Texas educational institutions, public charities, civic organizations and medical research. In addition to being longtime supporters of UT Southwestern, the Cains were personal friends of Charles and Sarah Seay, the Dallas philanthropists for whom the Seay Biomedical Building is named.

“The Cain Foundation officials wanted to give to the medical center in such a way that would permanently honor the memories of Effie and Wofford,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “By providing funds for this wonderful facility, the foundation has created a meaningful and lasting reminder of the Cains' enduring generosity.”

The gift will help equip and maintain the conference center, which includes a large meeting room, offices, reception areas and support facilities. The center is located on the eighth floor of the Seay Building and overlooks the building's landscaped plaza. Its floor-to-ceiling windows also provide a sweeping view of UT Southwestern's South Campus and downtown Dallas.

The Cain Foundation has previously donated more than \$5 million to the medical center since 1990, when the Effie and Wofford Cain Distinguished Chair in Diagnostic Imaging was established. In 1993 it became one of the earliest contributors to UT Southwestern's Fund for Molecular Research campaign by establishing the Effie Marie Cain Alzheimer's Research Center and Distinguished Chair in Alzheimer's Research.

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In 1994 the foundation made an additional grant, establishing the Effie Marie Cain Distinguished Chair in Cancer Therapy Research and the R. Wofford Cain Distinguished Chair in Bone and Joint Disease Research. The Effie Marie and Wofford Cain Endowed Clinical Research Program was established in 1997. The foundation also contributed to the Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science in 1998 by providing funds to support the Cain Foundation Scholar in Medical Research. In addition, the Effie Marie Cain Research Scholar Fund was created in 1999 to provide support for new research initiatives in angiogenesis.

Wofford Cain, who died in 1977, was one of the founders of Southern Union Co. along with Clint Murchison Sr. He also helped build Delhi Oil Corp., Aztec Oil and Gas Co., and Supron Energy Corp. He was chairman of the Southern Union board of directors for 30 years.

Effie Cain, who died in 1999, was a supporter of a variety of local civic, social and charitable organizations, including the University Park United Methodist Church and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

“UT Southwestern is deeply privileged to have one of our major campus sites be developed in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cain,” Wildenthal said. “It will always be a source of great pride for the Cain name to be associated in perpetuity with our institution.”

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