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PROEBSTING HONORS UT SOUTHWESTERN WITH BEQUEST

Dallas-July 14, 1999-Impressed by the quality of care she received during her personal battle with cancer, Janice Ann Proebsting remembered UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in her will with a bequest of \$500,000.

The Dallas woman left the majority of her estate to the medical school to establish a scholarship fund to aid medical students in their quest for a degree.

A strong supporter of medical research, Proebsting had a longtime interest in biomedical science. Until her death in 1998, after a four-year struggle with sarcoma, the former human resources executive remained keenly aware of the research being conducted at UT Southwestern.

"Janice Ann was an ardent fan of medical advancement and felt it was important to give back to the medical school, with gratitude, for the exceptional care she received," said Jim Wells, Proebsting's longtime companion. "She had tremendous respect for doctors and thought there would be no better way to contribute than to help students who aspire to that profession."

Before her death at age 55, Proebsting was treated by Dr. Eli Glatstein, former chairman of radiation oncology at UT Southwestern. Wells says it was that doctor-patient relationship that spurred her growing interest in donating to medical science. "Janice Ann was aware of Dr. Glatstein's wonderful reputation before she began treatment, but witnessing his professionalism and intellect firsthand gave her great confidence in the

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level of care she was being given," he said. "She wanted to find a way to encourage that kind of excellence in medical students."

The gift will establish the Janice Ann Proebsting Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships, starting in the fall of 2000, for students entering UT Southwestern.

"Jan's heartfelt bequest is especially important because it goes directly to help the next generation of young doctors who are, quite literally, the future of medicine," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "She battled her disease with courage and dignity, and her generosity is a wonderful symbol of her commitment to help others. UT Southwestern is deeply appreciative of her generous donation."

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