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MILLER FAMILY ESTABLISHES NEURO-ONCOLOGY PROFESSORSHIP

DALLAS – March 27, 2002 – After being successfully treated as a patient in 2001, Bill Miller decided that 2002 was the year for him and his family to return something of value to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and his fellow citizens.

With the establishment of the Miller Family Professorship in Neuro-Oncology, Miller has done so.

“Certainly, my illness was a life-changing experience,” said Miller, who created the professorship with his wife, Patricia, and their children, Josh and Abby. “After my family and I watched that difficult year pass by, we decided making a gift was the right thing to do. When you get as much as we have from a community like Dallas, we believe it’s our responsibility to give back.”

The Miller’s \$100,000 gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation will support the professorship, which will be based in the Annette G. Strauss Center for Neuro-Oncology.

Dr. Bruce Mickey, vice chairman of neurological surgery, performed Miller’s surgery.

“Mr. Miller talked to me during his treatment about his desire to help in learning how to conquer this illness,” Mickey said. “Gifts from people like the Miller family make our center stronger. We are truly grateful to the Miller family, and I hope many patients can benefit from their generosity.”

The Strauss Center is a multidisciplinary center with doctors from neurological surgery, neurology, radiation oncology, psychology and neuropsychology coming together in one place to treat patients.

Miller, chairman and chief executive officer of Health Management Systems and a 19-year resident of Dallas, was referred to UT Southwestern after having a seizure while skiing in Colorado. Daughter Abby, a sophomore at Southern Methodist University; son Josh, who will begin graduate business school in the fall; and his wife, Patricia, helped Miller make his decision to give through Southwestern Medical Foundation.

“It is our hope this gift will be used to further the efforts of the Strauss Center in the treatment of neurological disease,” Miller said.

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