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FUND FOR MOLECULAR RESEARCH CONCLUDES WITH CANCER RESEARCH GIFT

DALLAS — October 25, 1994 — Charles E. and Sarah M. Seay today announced a gift of \$500,000, which will be matched to endow a distinguished chair in oncology at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The Seays' gift comes as the two-year, \$150 million Fund for Molecular Research campaign at UT Southwestern draws to a close. The Dallas investor and his wife have given a total of \$12 million to the medical center.

"We feel that UT Southwestern is the best place to invest our support," said Mr. Seay. "Any place with four Nobel Prize winners in ten years has got to be the best there is."

Mr. Seay said that as a member of the campaign committee, he was aware that while the fund-raising effort was meeting its overall goal, some priority areas had not yet been fully subscribed.

"Cancer research is a special interest of the Seay family," he said, "and we wanted to make sure that the fund-raising goals for the work of Dr. John Minna and his colleagues were met. Our family is particularly enthusiastic about their work." Minna, director of the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center and the W.A. "Tex" and Deborah Moncrief Jr. Center for Cancer Genetics, holds the Lisa K. Simmons Distinguished Chair in Comprehensive Oncology.

"The Seay's latest gift puts support for Dr. Minna's group "over the top" in our campaign," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "It is the dedicated support of people like Charles and Sadie Seay that will ensure UT Southwestern's continued leadership in all aspects of scientific research and clinical medicine."

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In March 1993 the Seays gave \$10 million to help build the third of six research towers on UT Southwestern's new North Campus. The 10-story building will be named the Seay Biomedical Research Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Seay have endowed five chairs in pediatrics and pediatric psychiatry at UT Southwestern.

With four children, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild of their own, the Seays' philanthropic generosity springs from a deep concern for the welfare of all youngsters. Mr. and Mrs. Seay are trustees of Children's Medical Center of Dallas, the pediatric teaching hospital for UT Southwestern.

The Seays regard their ongoing support for medical care and research at UT Southwestern as an expression of their gratitude to a university and a community.

In recognition of Seay's business success and unstinting community service, the UT Austin Ex-Students Association recently honored him with one of its annual Distinguished Alumnus Awards.

After graduating from UT Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Seay were married in 1937. Seay remembers his first job was selling life insurance on commission during the Great Depression. After serving in the Army Air Forces during World War II, he returned to Dallas and resumed selling life insurance until 1949, when he formed his own business specializing in life-insurance common stocks.

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