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CHAIRMAN OF UT REGENTS ENDOWS PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY POST

DALLAS — October 4, 1994 — The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation has pledged \$500,000 to support pediatric endocrinology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The gift, with dollar-for-dollar matching funds through the medical center's Fund for Molecular Research, will establish the Audre Newman Rapoport Distinguished Chair in Pediatric Endocrinology.

Bernard Rapoport was appointed to the University of Texas System Board of Regents in 1991, and was elected its chairman in 1993. He is the founder and chief executive officer of American Income Life Insurance Co., based in Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Rapoport established the foundation in 1989 for the purpose of improving the quality of life. They have made numerous philanthropic gifts to educational activities within and outside the UT System. Other beneficiaries have included organizations working toward peace and justice.

"We are especially excited about the increased emphasis on pediatrics that The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has made," said Bernard Rapoport. "Subjectively, it is because we have two beautiful granddaughters; but equally important, of course, is that the research and knowledge that will be the result of the work that continues to be done in pediatrics at UT Southwestern will benefit thousand and thousands of youngsters."

UT Southwestern President Dr. Kern Wildenthal expressed gratitude for the Rapoports' gift.

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"The donation is a tremendous vote of confidence in UT Southwestern and will be a great boost to our efforts to find preventions and cures for inherited endocrinological diseases," he said. "We are truly honored and grateful to be a recipient of the Rapoport's' generosity."

The first holder of the chair is Dr. Perrin White, a pediatric endocrinologist who joined the UT Southwestern faculty this fall.

"Perrin White is an internationally recognized investigator who is the world's authority on adrenal hyperplasia and related disorders," said Dr. Charles M. Ginsburg, chairman of pediatrics and holder of the Marilyn R. Corrigan Distinguished Chair in Pediatric Research. "He has been recruited to the Department of Pediatrics to direct the activities of the pediatric endocrine division. His presence will enhance and fortify the outstanding work in molecular endocrinology that is currently being conducted on this campus."

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