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## **Chandler and Henry Lindsley's gift enhances playground at UT Southwestern-UTD Callier Child Development Center**

DALLAS – June 15, 2010 – Chandler and Henry Lindsley have given \$75,000 to enhance a playground at the UT Southwestern-UTD Callier Child Development Center.

The gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation will enable a redesign of the Callier Center's courtyard playground, which is used by nearly 200 preschool-age children enrolled in the center's child development program. Callier provides day care services for the children of UT Southwestern faculty and staff, and for hearing-impaired children from the Dallas Independent School District.

"Henry and I have great respect and admiration for UT Southwestern's faculty and staff and ensuring that their children have access to a first-rate child care center during the workday has always been a concern of mine," said Mrs. Lindsley. "We're very impressed by the quality of education offered at Callier and are grateful that it is readily available to the families of the medical center. We're very excited about the playground and are thrilled that we're able to help in such a fun and tangible way."

The remodeled playground, made possible through the Lindsleys' donation, will include upgraded safety standards and a variety of surfaces, such as resilient fall zones for climbing; hard surfaces for running games and balls; artificial grass for building and make-believe games; and a deck for art, water play and interactive musical instruments. The areas will be connected by brick pathways.

"Play and outdoor learning have long been recognized as critical elements for the cognitive, social and motor development of young children. We are enormously grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley for this generous gift, which will make available new and exciting learning experiences for our students," said Dr. Thomas Campbell, executive director of the UT Dallas Callier Center for Communication Disorders. "The children enrolled in our child development program will benefit daily from this wonderful new play area made possible by the kindness of the Lindsleys."

Mr. Lindsley, a graduate of UT Austin, spent his career as an oil, gas and lumber executive in West Texas and New Mexico. He retired as president of Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co. in 2007, a position he held for 50 years.

Mrs. Lindsley attended Vassar and the University of Colorado. In 1971 she and her husband started a working cattle ranch in Cooke County. Mrs. Lindsley, who has run the Backbone Ranch for

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more than three decades, graduated from the Texas Christian University School of Ranch Management in 1981.

She has served on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the board of UT Southwestern's Center for Human Nutrition for many years and has been on the steering committee of the medical center's annual Carolyn P. Horchow Women's Health Symposium. Mrs. Lindsley actively supports the Episcopal School of Dallas, the Hockaday School and the Lamplighter School.

The Lindsleys, who married in 1956, have three children and six grandchildren.

Since 1963 the Callier Center has been an important regional and national resource for children and adults with speech, language and hearing disorders. Its preschool is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, said, "The children at Callier will benefit greatly from this exciting new play area. This creative gift from Henry and Chandler Lindsley, who are two of our most loyal supporters, will have a long-lasting impact, and we are very grateful for their generosity."

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