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\$100,000 gift from Susan Metz Hawkins establishes scholarship fund at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – March 13, 2008 – A \$100,000 gift from Dallas resident Susan M. Hawkins has established an endowed scholarship fund for medical students at UT Southwestern Medical Center in honor of her parents.

The gift made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will create the Dr. M. Hill and Dorothy Metz Scholarship Fund, which recognizes the distinguished medical career of Dr. Metz.

"The primary focus of my father's life was dedication to his patients and his practice," Mrs. Hawkins said.

A native of McKinney, Dr. Metz attended Southern Methodist University and received his medical degree in 1932 from the Baylor University College of Medicine before it moved from Dallas to Houston. After an internship and residency in Cincinnati, he began his practice of internal medicine in Dallas in 1936 and continued it until his death in 1973. In 1938 Dr. Metz received the distinguished service award from the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his original work in the use of pituitary extract to treat stomach ulcers. He was a fellow in the American College of Physicians.

Dorothy Metz, who died in 2004, was a homemaker who raised two children while assisting her husband in his practice.

Mrs. Hawkins is married to a prominent Dallas attorney, Jack Hawkins, and is engaged in diverse civic and church activities.

"Mrs. Hawkins was the daughter of one of Dallas' most outstanding physicians ever, and she grew up knowing the importance of a superior medical education," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president UT Southwestern. "Her desire to help future medical students is heartfelt, and this generous scholarship is a wonderful way to honor her parents in perpetuity."

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W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, added, "The real strength of the medical center is good friends like Susan Metz Hawkins, whose contributions underwrite its programs to provide quality education for our future physicians and better health to those who live in our community. We are enormously grateful for her magnanimous gift."

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