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FIRST SOUTHWEST CO. GIVES \$150,000 TO AID BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH AND TREATMENT AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Dec. 6, 2000 – First Southwest Co. is aiding the fight to detect and treat brain malignancies with a \$150,000 gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation to support the Annette G. Strauss Center in Neuro-Oncology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"This is a historic event for the firm since it is the largest of many worthy donations the firm has made through the years," commented Hill A. Feinberg, chairman and chief executive officer of First Southwest. "It is the fight against cancer; the involvement of Paul Bass, chairman of the foundation, who is also one of our associates; and the many philanthropic efforts of the Strauss family that encouraged our firm to support this cause."

The Strauss Center provides care for adults and children with tumors and cancers that affect the central nervous system and is actively involved in research projects aimed at creating new and improving existing chemotherapies for brain malignancies. The gift will help support this work, which includes gene therapy – a treatment paramount in fighting tumors and improving outcomes. The funds also will aid faculty recruitment at the center, which is directed by Dr. Bruce Mickey, holder of the William Kemp Clark Chair in Neurological Surgery.

First Southwest is one of the largest privately held investment banking firms in the Southwest, with total capital in excess of \$25 million. The company offers a complete line of investment services, specializing in the areas of public, private and corporate banking; funds management; underwriting and trading of debt and equity securities; institutional sales; and clearing.

"This generous gift stands out as an outstanding example of a corporation rallying around the needs of its community," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "We are very grateful for First Southwest's wonderful support of our efforts to improve the treatment of brain tumors at the new center established in honor of Mayor Annette Strauss."

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