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\$1.5 million gifts from Rolf R. and Ute Schwarz Haberecht bolster research and clinical care programs at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – April 28, 2008 – Longtime benefactors Dr. Rolf Haberecht and his wife, Ute Schwarz Haberecht, have given gifts totaling more than \$1.5 million to support UT Southwestern Medical Center's *Innovations in Medicine* campaign and to foster research and clinical care programs.

Among the Haberechts' contributions to Southwestern Medical Foundation are a \$1 million charitable gift annuity to establish an endowed fund for innovative medical research and additional funds to foster early-stage research projects through the Haberecht Wild-Hare Idea Program – an endeavor begun by the couple more than a decade ago. The couple also donated \$50,000 to help endow the John P. Perkins, Ph.D., Distinguished Professorship for Graduate Education.

"We have always been impressed by the quality of research being done at UT Southwestern, and so we are happy to reward its scientists' most imaginative ideas," said Dr. Haberecht, founder of VLSIP Technologies Inc. and holder of a number of patents, one of which is part of the Chip Collection at the Smithsonian Institute.

Dedicated to the pursuit of novel research, the couple created the Haberecht Wild-Hare Idea Program when they stipulated that income from a major endowment they had established in 1994 be used for speculative research based on innovative and controversial ideas. One of the ideas that stemmed from the program has resulted in an anti-cancer drug.

"The Haberechts have been among our most valued and loyal friends," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "Their incredible generosity and foresight has made countless projects possible at the medical center and throughout the community. We are enormously grateful for their creativity, dedication to the progress of medicine, and unwavering support of physicians and scientists."

Dr. Haberecht began his 22-year career at Texas Instruments in research and was corporate vice president responsible for TI's worldwide semiconductor operations before founding VLSIP in 1984. He has served on the boards of numerous civic organizations, including Southwestern

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Medical Foundation and Zale Lipshy University Hospital, and he is a member of the UT Southwestern University Hospitals and Clinics Board of Visitors.

In 2006 Gov. Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas State Technical College System Board of Regents. He currently serves on the board's executive committee.

The Haberechts have supported research and education for many years and have given numerous gifts to aid programs at UT Southwestern. In 1997 the couple donated \$100,000 for neuroangiography services at the Zale Lipshy facility, and in 1994 they established the Rolf and Ute Schwarz Haberecht Deanship of the UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, in Honor of Olga and Max Haberecht and Anna and Hans Schwarz.

W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, said: "The Haberechts have the generosity of spirit to recognize the importance of advancing medical research, even when the ideas seem too 'risky' for traditional funding sources. We are not only speaking for ourselves, but for our researchers and patients, when we say how thankful we are for such important and gracious gifts."

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