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Mark and Jane Gibson give \$100,000 to support cancer research at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – Jan. 4, 2005 – Prompted by a family history of cancer and a resolve to cure the deadly disease, Mark and Jane Gibson have given \$100,000 to establish a professorship in oncology research at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, which was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will create the Mark and Jane Gibson Professorship in Cancer Research.

"We have always thought so highly of the phenomenal patient care available at UT Southwestern, and – despite our own family's losses to cancer – have been incredibly encouraged by the level of oncology research being done there," said Mrs. Gibson, whose father and sister both died from the disease. "Mark and I wanted to do whatever we could to help the cause move forward, and we feel blessed to be able to give back to an institution that has given so much to our family."

Mrs. Gibson's father, David Holland, established the David M. Holland Resident Learning Lab in the Department of Urology at UT Southwestern in 2000.

Mark Gibson is the executive managing director of Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, one of the country's largest commercial real estate firms. Jane Gibson is involved in volunteer work in the community and at her children's school.

The Gibsons live in Dallas with their daughter, 11, and son, 13.

"This wonderful endowment will be of great value in advancing new oncology programs at the medical center and accelerating our efforts to find better ways to prevent, treat and cure cancer," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "It is an honor to have the Gibsons' name associated with such an important professorship, and we are extremely grateful for their trust and generosity."

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