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## DALLAS BUSINESSMAN AND CIVIC LEADER ROBERT T. HAYES MAKES \$1 MILLION GIFT TO UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — April 8, 1997 — Robert T. Hayes, chairman of Hayes Leasing Co., Inc., has made a \$1 million gift to help fund psychiatric research at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The gift, which will be made through the Robert Tucker Hayes Foundation, was given in memory of his mother, Alline Tucker Hayes. The Alline Tucker Hayes Fund for Behavioral Brain Science will support research in the Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay Center for Basic and Applied Research in Psychiatric Illness.

Hayes said he is impressed with the strides made by UT Southwestern in the area of mental illness, especially the work being done by Dr. John Rush, a professor of psychiatry and holder of the Betty Jo Hay Distinguished Chair in Mental Health and the Rosewood Corporation Chair in Biomedical Science. Rush specializes in studying affective disorders, which include the various types of serious depression and manic-depression.

"John Rush's group in affective disorders is to be congratulated for its achievements in research and teaching," Hayes said. "We have seen many innovations at UT Southwestern, especially in the area of diagnosis, which is so vital."

In particular, Hayes commended Rush for helping document that many mental illnesses are real and are caused by factors within the body as opposed to so-called environmental factors such as a person's family situation.

"We need breakthroughs in research for these illnesses that will lead to new medications and understanding of how to use them," Hayes said.

Cynthia Hayes Blazejewski, president of the Robert Tucker Hayes Foundation, added, "The possibility of finding a cure for affective disorders will, most likely, be a reality in my lifetime. My hope is that our gift helps hasten the process."

Dr. Kenneth Altshuler, chairman of psychiatry, praised Hayes for his foresight. "Bob

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is a man of great vision and great generosity," he said. "The gift he brings to research and patient care in the Department of Psychiatry honors us and at the same time brings honor to him for his thoughtfulness and generosity."

Hayes has long been interested in UT Southwestern. He and his father both were treated by Dr. Charles Y. C. Pak, professor of internal medicine and head of UT Southwestern's mineral metabolism research program. In 1994, Hayes gave \$1 million to establish the Robert T. Hayes Center for Mineral Metabolism Research and support Pak's research.

His civic responsibilities also involved him with the school. Hayes served as a member of the Dallas County Hospital District board from 1980 to 1985. At that time he became friends with Dr. Charles Sprague, president emeritus of UT Southwestern, president Dr. Kern Wildenthal, and Dr. Charles Mullins, executive vice chancellor for health affairs of the UT System and former president and chief executive officer of Parkland Memorial Hospital.

The fund's honoree, Alline Hayes, was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Tucker of Hopkins County. Dr. Tucker moved his family to Slaton, Texas, and became one of West Texas' pioneer physicians. Alline Tucker Hayes attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and the University of Texas, Austin.

It was while she was working for Chevrolet Motor Co.'s Dallas office in 1933 that she met Earl F. Hayes. After they married, Mrs. Hayes had to quit her job because Chevrolet would not employ both husband and wife. The young couple moved several times as Mr. Hayes' career progressed, and their only son, Robert, was born in Detroit in 1937 while Mr. Hayes was national sales promotion manager of Chevrolet.

The Hayes family was able to realize their dream of returning to Dallas in 1945 when Mr. Hayes became a partner in Roy Hill Chevrolet. Settling in Kessler Park, the young Hayeses threw themselves into the civic, charitable and cultural life of the city. Mrs. Hayes served more than five years on the Dallas City Planning Commission and eight years as secretary of the Citizens Charter Association. In addition, she was a longtime member of the

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Woman's Board of the Dallas Opera and served as its chairwoman for one year. She was a member of the Dallas Woman's Club and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The first connection between the Hayes family and Southwestern Medical School occurred in 1950 when Mrs. Hayes' nephew Floyd Rector enrolled. When Dr. Rector left for the National Institutes of Health in 1956, he had received his medical degree and done both his internship and residency at UT Southwestern. Upon his return in 1958, he joined the UT Southwestern faculty in the Division of Nephrology. He remained on the faculty until July 1973 when he accepted the position of head of the Nephrology Division at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Rector recently retired as chairman of the Department of Medicine at UC, San Francisco.

The close relationship of the Rector and Hayes families during Dr. Rector's 23 years at UT Southwestern inevitably led to Robert Hayes' profound interest in the institution and its vital mission.

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