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**Colleagues, friends contribute \$500,000 to establish distinguished chair
at UT Southwestern in honor of former chair of internal medicine**

DALLAS – March 9, 2005 – Friends and colleagues of Dr. Daniel Foster, an award-winning researcher and esteemed physician and educator, have raised more than \$500,000 to create a distinguished chair in internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in his honor.

The Daniel W. Foster, M.D., Distinguished Chair in Internal Medicine was established with gifts to UT Southwestern following Dr. Foster's retirement as chairman of internal medicine – a post he held for 15 years. The funds, which were matched to create a \$1 million endowment, will help support the work of a leading researcher of the internal medicine department.

Dr. L. David Hillis, vice chairman of internal medicine, has been named as the first holder of the chair.

"Dan Foster is a physician, teacher and researcher of enormous stature," said Dr. Alfred Gilman, dean of UT Southwestern Medical School. "He is a most caring and skillful clinician and a superb and frequently recognized teacher.

"David Hillis is a disciple of Dan's – sharing the same high academic standards. He plays an extremely important role in the internal medicine residency training program, chairs the medical school curriculum committee and is vice chair of the Promotions and Tenure Committee, in addition to leading superb clinical research and patient-care activities."

Dr. Foster received his medical degree from UT Southwestern in 1955. He trained in internal medicine at Parkland Memorial Hospital before moving to the National Institutes of Health. He returned to Dallas and joined the internal medicine faculty of UT Southwestern in 1962. Twenty-six years later, he was appointed chairman of the department.

Dr. Foster's scientific focus is in the area of lipid and carbohydrate metabolism. His research led to his election and appointments to such prestigious organizations as the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians and the board of Scientific

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Counselors of the Clinical Center of the NIH.

In 1984 Dr. Foster was awarded the Banting Medal for Scientific Achievement from the American Diabetes Association for his long-term contributions to the understanding, treatment and prevention of the disease. In 2002 he was named to President George W. Bush's Council on Bioethics.

"It is a great honor," Dr. Foster said of the new distinguished chair. "An added joy was learning that David Hillis would be the first occupant."

Dr. Hillis is a nationally recognized expert in ischemic, valvular and congenital heart disease. He earned his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1972 and completed his residency in internal medicine at UT Southwestern, where he joined the faculty in 1978.

Dr. Hillis has performed extensive clinical research and has been co-author of more than 250 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 50 book chapters and review articles. Like Dr. Foster, he has been elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians.

"Dr. Foster has had a marked influence on many students, residents and faculty. The department of internal medicine and I felt we should honor him by creating something in his name that would go on in perpetuity," Dr. Hillis said.

"Personally, it means a great deal for me to be the first holder of this chair. Dr. Foster is the epitome of the complete physician. I've admired and respected him for the more than 30 years that I've known him – as a person and a physician he has been a role model for me, so it is a great honor."

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