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Dallas oilman John R. Murrell and wife, Kelley, give \$100,000 to support geriatric programs at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – March 4, 2008 – Dallas oilman John R. Murrell and his wife, Kelley, have given \$100,000 to support geriatric research, education and clinical care at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Longtime supporters of the medical center, the couple first became acquainted with the institution in the 1990s, when Mr. Murrell's mother became a patient of renowned geriatrician Dr. Craig Rubin. Dr. Rubin is director of the Mildred Wyatt and Ivor P. Wold Center for Geriatrics Care.

"Dr. Rubin is a fine gentleman and a thorough and compassionate doctor," Mr. Murrell said. "I greatly admire the work he's doing in the often-unsung field of geriatrics and have found his compassion for the elderly quite refreshing. Kelley and I are big fans of UT Southwestern and of the high-caliber research being done there, so we're pleased to be able to make this contribution to a program we think is of great importance."

A native of Dallas, Mr. Murrell graduated from St. Mark's School of Texas in 1973 and Southern Methodist University in 1977, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics. He was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer in 1977, and served in combat communications.

Mr. Murrell is president of Three M Oil Co., which was chartered in 1965, and of the Murrell Foundation, which his family established in 1990. He is on the Board of Visitors of UT Southwestern Health System and is a member of the Council on Foundations in Washington, D.C., and the Conference of Southwest Foundations in Dallas. Mr. Murrell recently was named to the President's Advisory Council for Austin College in Sherman and the Texas Winds Musical Outreach.

A second-generation thoroughbred horse owner and breeder, he is involved in thoroughbred racing throughout the country. Mr. Murrell serves on the board of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, which recently honored him with its highest honor, the Champion Award.

He has served on the boards of the Meadows School of the Arts at SMU, the Benevolence Council of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, the SPCA of Texas, the Dallas County Coalition of

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Community Justice Agencies, the Dallas Museum of Art, and the North Texas Crime Commission.

Mrs. Murrell, a former commercial real estate and banking attorney, earned a law degree from the University of Memphis in 1984 after graduating from Rhodes College in 1977. She and Mr. Murrell have been married since 1991.

“I am personally very grateful for John and Kelley’s confidence in our programs and am touched by their heartfelt gesture of support,” said Dr. Rubin. “They have been very generous, regular supporters of our program in the past, and this latest gift is especially meaningful. Flexible gifts such as theirs provide essential faculty support and open innumerable doors to new and novel research. I’m touched by the Murrell’s kindness and excited about the many things they are making possible through their generosity.”

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, said, “Friends like John and Kelley Murrell are essential to our ability to build and maintain great medical research, teaching and patient-care programs,” said. “On behalf of all the patients who will be the ultimate beneficiaries of their philanthropy, we extend our sincere gratitude.”

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