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## CONSTANTIN FOUNDATION PLEDGES \$500,000 TO FUND FOR MOLECULAR RESEARCH

DALLAS — July 23, 1993 — To encourage other donors to come forward, the Constantin Foundation of Dallas has pledged a \$500,000 gift to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' Fund for Molecular Research. The gift will be matched through a fund from an anonymous donor.

"We are most grateful for this generous gift to our campaign," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "The Constantin Foundation has previously been supportive of UT Southwestern programs through contributions to Children's Medical Center of Dallas and Zale Lipshy University Hospital, and we sincerely appreciate this latest example of their support through a contribution to the Fund for Molecular Research."

Betty S. Hillin, executive director of the Constantin Foundation, said, "The trustees are pleased to make this commitment to the Fund for Molecular Research as continued support for this outstanding medical institution and the important biomedical research efforts there."

The Constantin Foundation was started by oil-refining pioneer Eugene Constantin and his wife, Ruth. When their only child, Eugene Constantin III, was killed in Okinawa during the final months of World War II, the Constantins decided to establish a trust in the fall of 1947 for charitable purposes.

Eugene Constantin was instrumental in establishing the University of Dallas in Irving. He also gave 800 acres of land near Possum Kingdom Lake to

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the YMCA and the Boy Scouts of America to establish YMCA Camp Grady Spruce and Circle Ten Boy Scout Camp Constantin.

The Constantin Foundation became active in 1974 after the deaths of both Eugene and Ruth Constantin. Since then, more than \$25 million in grants have been given to local organizations. In keeping with Constantin's wishes, the trustees annually award approximately \$1.5 million to children's medical facilities, substance-abuse programs, family shelters, educational institutions and other non-profit agencies in Dallas.

Foundation trustees are Joel T. Williams Jr., Gene H. Bishop, Henry C. Beck Jr., Paul A. Lockhart Jr. and Walter L. Fleming Jr.

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