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UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVES OVER \$5 MILLION FROM BIOLOGICAL HUMANICS FOUNDATION

DALLAS -- Trustees of the Biological Humanics Foundation are donating \$5.68 million to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The gift, which represents the entire assets of the foundation, will be used to establish the Eugene McDermott Center for Pain Management at UT Southwestern and to endow research in the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development.

The Biological Humanics Foundation was established by the late Eugene McDermott, co-founder of Texas Instruments Inc. He and his wife, Margaret Milam McDermott, have been longstanding major supporters of UT Southwestern. Their daughter, Mary McDermott Cook, is president of the foundation.

The Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development, established by McDermott in 1973, will receive an endowment of approximately \$4.68 million. The remaining \$1 million will endow the new Eugene McDermott Center for Pain Management. Both gifts will be matched with challenge funds, resulting in a total amount of \$11.36 million for the two centers.

UT Southwestern is currently engaged in a \$150 million campaign for molecular research, which has challenge funds allowing dollar-for-dollar matches for gifts. So far, more than \$106 million has been contributed to the community-based fund-raising campaign.

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"Eugene McDermott's vision extended far beyond his time," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "His support for the study of human development has positioned UT Southwestern to play a leading role in one of the most exciting and potentially productive new fields of medical science: the study of human development at the molecular and genetic levels, where the causes and cures for a wide range of human diseases may be found.

"We are sincerely grateful to his wife, Margaret, and daughter, Mary, for so capably and faithfully carrying forward his vision for our school and for medicine," he added.

In 1950 McDermott established the Biological Humanities Foundation to support research in the field of human growth and development. In 1972 the Eugene McDermott Distinguished Chair for the Study of Human Growth and Development was endowed; and the following year, in his will, McDermott established the Eugene McDermott Center for Human Growth and Development at UT Southwestern.

Now focusing on research at the molecular and genetic levels, the center includes two chairs endowed by the foundation. The Eugene McDermott Distinguished Chair for the Study of Human Growth and Development is held by Dr. Joseph F. Sambrook, director of the center. The Philip O'Bryan Montgomery Jr., M.D., Distinguished Chair in Developmental Biology, was endowed in 1990 to honor Dr. Montgomery, a noted cancer researcher and pathology professor at UT Southwestern.

"I know that Eugene McDermott would be pleased to know that the foundation is helping scientists at UT Southwestern solve some of medicine's most perplexing mysteries," said Montgomery, who has served as a trustee of the Biological Humanities Foundation. "The support of the McDermott family has been central to developing the outstanding facilities and scientific reputation of the medical center."

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In 1966 the Margaret Milam McDermott Chair in Anesthesiology, now held by Dr. Paul F. White, chairman of anesthesiology and pain management, was endowed. In 1977 the M.T. (Pepper) Jenkins Professorship of Anesthesiology was created. Named for the department's first chairman, it now is held by Dr. A.H. Giesecke Jr., former chairman of anesthesiology.

Just last year the Excellence in Education Foundation, established by McDermott and his co-founders of Texas Instruments, Erik Jonsson and Cecil H. Green, gave \$30 million to support new research initiatives in molecular genetics and human disease. In recognition of this gift, The University of Texas System Board of Regents established the Eugene McDermott Distinguished Chair in Molecular Genetics, held by Dr. David W. Russell.

In addition to Mrs. Cook, trustees of the Biological Humanics Foundation are Dr. Philip O'Bryan Montgomery, Jr., vice president; Patricia Brown, secretary; Dr. Kevin McBride, treasurer; Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre; and Philip O'Bryan Montgomery III.

"The trustees join me in expressing our appreciation of UT Southwestern's willingness to pursue my father's goals and interests," said foundation president Mary McDermott Cook. "With this last gift of the Biological Humanics Foundation, we feel his wishes will be achieved."

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.