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## **\$1 million gift from the Hawn Foundation supports research, clinical-care programs at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – March 18, 2008 – The Hawn Foundation of Dallas has given \$1 million to support clinical care and research programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The donation to Southwestern Medical Foundation supports the medical center's *Innovations in Medicine* campaign. The campaign, which concluded in December, topped \$740 million and has been the most successful philanthropic fundraising effort in Dallas history.

Longtime benefactors of UT Southwestern, the Hawn Foundation also donated \$1 million to the campaign when it was launched in 2002.

"We feel grateful to be able to support UT Southwestern, which we hold in the highest regard," said Joe V. Hawn Jr., president of the Hawn Foundation. "We have a great interest in funding up-and-coming researchers and in bettering medical care in our community, and we feel that this gift is a great way to honor the tradition of philanthropy that my uncle, W.R. 'Fritz' Hawn, began when he created his foundation more than 45 years ago."

The foundation's gifts to the medical center and its affiliated institutions, which now total more than \$3.4 million, include numerous gifts for unrestricted medical research; and ongoing studies into age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a common cause of vision loss in people over 60. The foundation also has given several significant gifts to support the Friends of Mineral Metabolism and the Friends of Zale Lipshy University Hospital.

"The Hawn Foundation has been a loyal friend to UT Southwestern for many years, and we're extremely grateful for its continued generosity and significant support of our efforts," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of the medical center. "This donation will greatly enhance our research and clinical-care programs, and we are very pleased that the Hawns have chosen to contribute yet another gift to help close the *Innovations in Medicine* campaign."

The Hawn Foundation was founded in 1962 by the late William Russell "Fritz" Hawn and his

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wife, Mildred, for the purpose of providing aid to charitable, educational, scientific and literary institutions. Founder and president of the foundation until his death in 1995, W.R. Hawn was a renowned real estate developer in Texas, Georgia and California, as well as a dedicated philanthropist.

“We are grateful for the foundation’s consistent and magnanimous support and are proud that they have once again entrusted us with a major contribution,” said W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

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