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\$1 million gift from Tom and Cinda Hicks strengthens clinical care, research programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center

DALLAS – March 4, 2008 – Prominent Dallas businessman Tom Hicks and his wife, Cinda, have given \$1 million to support clinical care and research programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, made through the Thomas O. and Cinda Hicks Foundation, is part of the medical center's *Innovations in Medicine* campaign. The campaign, which concluded in December 2007, topped \$740 million – making it the most successful philanthropic fundraising effort in Dallas history.

“We are longtime supporters of UT Southwestern and believe wholeheartedly that it is the hub of some of the most important research being conducted anywhere in the country,” Mr. Hicks said. “We’re happy to do what we can to back the medical center’s mission, and we feel very lucky to have an institution of this caliber here in Dallas.”

Mr. Hicks is chairman and CEO of Hicks Holdings LLC, a Dallas-based family office that owns and manages the Thomas and Cinda Hicks family’s sports, real estate and corporate assets and investments. The group owns the Texas Rangers Baseball Club; the Dallas Stars Hockey Club; Mesquite Championship Rodeo; and a 50-percent stake in Liverpool FC, an English Premiership League known as “Britain’s Most Successful Football Club.” In addition, Hicks Holdings owns and has developed numerous major real estate projects throughout the U.S. and South America.

Mr. Hicks, a graduate of UT Austin and the University of Southern California, co-founded and was chairman of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, one of the most active private equity firms in the country, from 1989 to 2004. He currently serves as chairman of Hicks Acquisition Company 1, a \$552 million special purpose acquisition company.

He is starting his 10th season as chairman of the board and owner of the Texas Rangers and serves as the team’s representative on Major League Baseball’s Board of Governors. In 1995, he purchased the Dallas Stars, which won the Stanley Cup in 1999.

Mr. Hicks serves on the boards of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, the UT Chancellor’s Council, and many others. He is a former member and vice chairman

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of the UT System Board of Regents, and is an annual Distinguished Guest Lecturer at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. In 2000 the Anti-Defamation League honored him with the Henry Cohn Humanitarian Award.

Thomas O. Hicks Elementary School in Frisco, part of the Lewisville Independent School District, was so designated after Mr. Hicks donated the land for the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks' philanthropy is far-reaching throughout the Metroplex, Texas and beyond. At UT Southwestern, they established the Thomas O. and Cinda Hicks Family Distinguished Chair in Alzheimer's Disease Research in 1995, and \$1.25 million for the fund for the Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science in 1999.

"The role that Tom and Cinda Hicks are playing in our progress as a world-class medical center is substantial. Support such as this enables our programs in medical education, research and clinical care to be accelerated and greatly enhanced," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "We are extremely proud of this latest expression of ongoing confidence in our institution by such respected leaders in our community."

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