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MOSLE GIFT TO SUPPORT LIVER DISEASE RESEARCH HONORS COUPLE'S DAUGHTER

DALLAS – Feb. 14, 2002 – Though it has been three decades since Jon and Paula Mosle lost their 12-year-old daughter to liver cancer, the Dallas couple's desire to spare other families similar grief endures. Their commitment to conquer liver disease has translated into a \$250,000 gift to establish a distinguished professorship at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The professorship, which will be named for the Mosles' daughter, also will honor Dr. William Lee, director of the clinical center for liver diseases at UT Southwestern and a personal friend of the couple.

The gift, made through Southwestern Medical Foundation, will establish the Meredith Mosle Distinguished Professorship in Liver Disease, in Honor of Dr. William M. Lee and will support Lee's internationally acclaimed research on acute liver failure.

"We are big believers in the work being done at UT Southwestern and are proud to be able to do something to support the work of Dr. Lee, who is doing so much to advance treatments for liver disease," said Paula Mosle. "Jon and I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to memorialize our daughter, while benefiting the medical center's outstanding liver program."

A graduate of Yale University, Jon L. Mosle Jr., established in 1959 the Dallas branch of Rotan Mosle, a regional investment firm founded in Houston by his father. It was the first Texas-owned member of the New York Stock Exchange. He later served as director of private capital at Ameritrust Texas NA from 1984 until 1992 and is now a private consultant. He has been active in a variety of professional and civic activities, including the Episcopal School of Dallas, St. Mark's School of Texas, St. Michael School, the Episcopal Foundation and the Baylor Institute of Rehabilitation.

Paula Mosle, a Rice University graduate, has been committed to a variety of civic organizations and remains especially interested in education. She is a life trustee and a past

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chairman of the board of the Hockaday School, is a past member of the board of trustees at Rice and is still involved as a governor adviser. She is also a past president of the Junior League of Dallas and has served on the boards of St. Philip's School, St. Michael School, the Dallas Heritage Society and others.

"Jon and Paula Mosle give of their time, energy and resources with the hope that they can make a difference – and they truly do," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "We are very proud of our liver program and are particularly pleased the Mosles have chosen to support the outstanding work of Will Lee."

W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, said, "The Mosles' gift, which will go to help others, is a fitting memorial to their daughter and a great honor to the foundation and UT Southwestern."

Lee, a professor of internal medicine, joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 1990 after serving on the faculties of his alma mater, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Medical University of South Carolina. His research has been devoted to the study of acute liver failure and the actin scavenger system, a disposal mechanism responsible for the removal of certain toxins released into circulation after cell injury. He served as secretary-treasurer of the American Association for Study of Liver Disease and continues to lecture around the world.

"This professorship is a great honor for me," said Lee, "and it is made even more meaningful by the fact that the Mosles have named it for their daughter, Meredith. Jon and Paula are wonderful people, who have turned an unimaginable pain into an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. I am enormously grateful."

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