

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

Contact: Emily Martinez
(214) 648-3404

BEN E. KEITH FOUNDATION GIFT TO AID UT SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCH

DALLAS - August 3, 1994 - A Fort Worth foundation known for its donations to hospitals and the arts has pledged \$50,000 to fund biomedical research at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The Ben E. Keith Foundation gift will be matched by the medical center's Fund for Molecular Research.

"We have been so impressed by the growth of UT Southwestern and the quality of research done there," said Howard Hallam, president of the Ben E. Keith Co. and a trustee of the foundation. "We also view (UT Southwestern President) Dr. Kern Wildenthal as one of the most outstanding leaders in Dallas, and we respect anything he is involved in."

The foundation was formed about 50 years ago by officials of the Ben E. Keith Co. as a vehicle for expressing appreciation for the public's support of their business, Hallam said. This donation is the foundation's first gift to UT Southwestern, although it has contributed to UT Southwestern-affiliated Zale Lipshy University Hospital in the past. The money will fund a variety of research projects.

Founded in 1906 in Fort Worth, the Ben E. Keith Co. is among the largest beer and food-service distributors in the country. The beer division of the company, known as Ben E. Keith Beers, sells Budweiser and other Anheuser-Busch malt beverages in 48 counties in north, central and west Texas. It operates eight beer distribution facilities, the largest of which is in Dallas. The company's other division - Ben E. Keith Foods - operates eight distribution facilities from

(MORE)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS

Southwestern Medical School • Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences • Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School
Affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics

Office of News and Public Information • 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas TX 75235-9060 • Telephone (214) 648-3404 • FAX (214) 648-9119

KEITH - 2

which it sells a full line of food products throughout Texas and five neighboring states. Its customers include restaurants, hotels, schools and hospitals. Corporate headquarters remain in Fort Worth.

"We are extremely grateful for the support of the Ben E. Keith Foundation and see this gift as a vote of confidence in this school's future," Wildenthal said. "Because of contributions like this, UT Southwestern will remain in the forefront of biomedical research."

###