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\$1 million gift from Amy and Vernon Faulconer creates distinguished chair, supports oncology research at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – Feb. 26, 2008 – Texas oilman Vernon Faulconer and his wife, Amy, have given \$1 million to support gynecologic oncology programs and establish a distinguished chair in medical science at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, which was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will create the Amy and Vernon E. Faulconer Distinguished Chair in Medical Science. Dr. John Schorge, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has been named its first holder.

“We think very highly of UT Southwestern and of Dr. Schorge, so this gift simply has been our way of thanking the medical center for all it does for Texas and the rest of the world,” said Mr. Faulconer. “Obviously, gynecologic oncology research is an area of great importance affecting the lives of millions of women and families everywhere. We’re pleased to be able to contribute whatever we can to the cause and are truly excited about the kinds of research and clinical programs that might be helped through this gift.”

Mr. Faulconer founded and is chief executive officer of Vernon E. Faulconer, Inc., an independent oil and gas production company based in Tyler. A native of El Dorado, Kansas, he attended Grinnell College in Iowa, where he and his wife met as fellow students. In 2003 Mr. Faulconer was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Grinnell, where he has been an active board member for more than two decades.

The Faulconers are active in the arts community, and are major supporters of the Dallas Museum of Art, the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts, the Dallas Opera, and the Chinati Foundation, among others. Mr. Faulconer serves on the boards of the Dallas Museum of Art and the Chinati Foundation, and Mrs. Faulconer is a trustee of the Dallas Opera.

In 1990 Mr. and Mrs. Faulconer established the Faulconer Academic Incentive Award for Minority Students to attend a Texas college of their choice. Since that time, scholarships have been awarded to more than 350 African-American students.

The Faulconers have been married for 48 years and have three grown children and nine grandchildren.

“Amy and Vern Faulconers’ generous support of UT Southwestern is deeply appreciated by
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all of us,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of the medical center. “This gift will help ensure that our programs in gynecologic cancer will remain second to none. The trust that this generous couple have in UT Southwestern as a worthy place to invest major philanthropic funds is a source of pride and inspiration for our institution.”

Dr. Schorge earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan in 1989 and a medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville in 1993. He completed a residency and fellowship at Harvard Medical School from 1993 to 2000.

He joined the UT Southwestern faculty in 2000 and has been the fellowship program director for the gynecologic oncology since 2006. He has received numerous awards and honors, including the Outstanding Faculty Teacher in Obstetrics and Gynecology at UT Southwestern in 2005 and the National Faculty Award from the Council on Resident Education and Gynecology of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 2005. He has been the holders of the Patricia Duniven Fletcher Distinguished Professorship in Gynecological Oncology at UT Southwestern since 2001. In 2007 he was named one of the Best Doctors in Dallas by *D Magazine*.

“I am humbled to be the recipient of the Faulconer Distinguished Chair and am overwhelmed by the Faulconers’ generosity,” said Dr. Schorge. “I believe this wonderful gift is a real tribute to the quality of care that we are able to provide at UT Southwestern, and it is a great honor to be able to perform research here that could potentially improve – even save – women’s lives. In gynecologic oncology we take great pride in being forward-thinking and in trying to study cancers in our patients today so that tomorrow we will know how to treat them more effectively. This endowment will provide the resources to foster collaboration with world-renowned laboratory scientists at UT Southwestern, and will propel our translational research forward in both uterine and ovarian cancers.”

W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, added: “The Faulconers are truly great Texas philanthropists who give generously to the causes that are most meaningful to them. We’re thrilled that they have chosen to support medical research in such a substantial way.”

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