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DR. GEORGE PETERS HONORED WITH EVERGREEN AWARD

DALLAS – March 26, 2001 – Dr. George Peters, executive director of the UT Southwestern Center for Breast Care, will receive the Sherry W. Crow Evergreen Award in recognition of his efforts in the fight against cancer.

The award will be presented March 31 at the “French Impressions” Evergreen Gala at the Doubletree Hotel at Lincoln Centre in Dallas.

Peters has been at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas since 1996, when he came from Baylor University Medical Center. He joined the UT Southwestern faculty with the hope of creating a “one-stop” patient care center that housed an integrated program of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, support services, education and research – a hope which has been fulfilled with the breast center’s new home in the Seay Biomedical Building.

Recognized as one of the country’s foremost breast-cancer surgeons, Peters has been honored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation as its “Man of the Year” and by the American Cancer Society with its Sword of Hope Award. He is a past president of the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society and of the American Society of Breast Disease. In 1999 he was named by *Good Housekeeping* magazine as one of the nation’s top breast-cancer surgeons.

Peters, holder of the Marilyn R. Corrigan Distinguished Chair in Breast Cancer Surgery, is the second UT Southwestern faculty member to receive the award. Dr. Alfred Gilman, chairman of pharmacology and a 1994 Nobel laureate, won the award in 1995. Other past recipients include Sherry W. Crow; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Landry in memory of their daughter, Lisa Landry Childress; Lance Armstrong; Scott Murray; Laura Miller; and Lucille “Lupe” Murchison.

The Sherry W. Crow Evergreen Award is presented each year to an individual who has been instrumental in the fight against cancer and “whose indomitable spirit, determination and courage serve as an example” to others. Crow was the first recipient of the award, then called the Evergreen Award. It was renamed in her honor in recognition of her contributions to the organization. Crow was diagnosed in 1991 with Hodgkin’s disease, which eventually claimed her life. She and her husband, the late John Crow, established the John D. and Sherry W. Crow Evergreen Gala Endowment Fund.

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