

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## **\$1 MILLION GIFT FROM HUFFINES FAMILY SUPPORTS RESEARCH, PATIENT CARE AT UT SOUTHWESTERN**

DALLAS – April 28, 2003 – Dallas philanthropists J.L. and Sydney Huffines have committed \$1 million to support UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' \$450 million *Innovations in Medicine* campaign. The gift, which will establish the J.L. and Sydney Huffines Fund at Southwestern Medical Foundation, will benefit the medical center's fund drive to accelerate clinical advances and medical research.

"I am enormously pleased that I can give back to the community, which has given me so much through the years," Huffines said. "Sydney and I have great confidence in the work being done at UT Southwestern and want to do whatever we can to enhance the vital research and compassionate patient care being offered there."

The Huffineses, who own six automobile dealerships in the Dallas area, established the Sydney and J.L. Huffines Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research, in honor of Eugene Frenkel, M.D., at UT Southwestern with a \$1 million gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation in 1998.

A few years earlier, in appreciation of the city of Lewisville, where his father's original Chevrolet dealership has remained in operation for more than 75 years, Huffines bought and donated 17 acres of land to the Lewisville Independent School District for use as the site of a new middle school. The school, which was dedicated in 1997, is named in memory of Huffines' father, who served 19 years on the school district's board.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, J.L. Huffines is a charter member and past president of the 12th Man Foundation at A&M. He served as chairman of the Board of Regents of the State Senior College System, now the Texas State University System, from 1962 to 1971. Huffines is a life member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and the State Fair of Texas Board and has served as chairman of the Cotton Bowl Association. He also has served on the boards of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society, and many other professional and civic organizations. Since 1996 Huffines has been a trustee of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

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“J.L. Huffines is well-known and respected as a businessman who has worked tirelessly to better his community,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “He and Sydney have again done just that with a magnanimous gift that will go far in helping us take medical research and clinical care in Texas – and the nation – to the next level.”

W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, agreed. “Generous contributors like J.L. and Sydney allow UT Southwestern to initiate groundbreaking medical research and treatment programs that will enable scientists to seek new cures that may benefit thousands upon thousands of people.”

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