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SYDNEY AND J.L. HUFFINES SUPPORT UT SOUTHWESTERN CANCER RESEARCH

DALLAS — July 9, 1998 — A generous gift from a business leader and his wife has established the Sydney and J.L. Huffines Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research in honor of Eugene Frenkel, M.D., at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The income from the \$1 million endowment, which will be administered by Southwestern Medical Foundation, will support cancer research under Frenkel, professor of internal medicine and a faculty member at UT Southwestern since 1962.

Although one directs an automobile dealership empire and one is a medical oncologist, J.L. Huffines and Eugene Frenkel share at least one characteristic -- both men know how important the personal touch is to people. It is the ability of both to relate to others that has made them so successful in their respective fields and so appreciative of one another.

"The Huffines gift is very significant in that it emphasizes their continued commitment to their community and to the improvement in the quality of life for their fellow man," said Paul Bass, chairman of the board of Southwestern Medical Foundation and incoming chair of the Zale Lipshy University Hospital board. "Sydney and J.L., by honoring Dr. Gene Frenkel in this way, will greatly enhance UT Southwestern's capabilities in furthering cancer research."

Sydney Huffines has known Frenkel as both a doctor and friend for many years, and she has sought his advice on a variety of subjects.

"This contribution, in a small manner, might help the quality of life of some people in the future," said Huffines, who owns five automobile dealerships in the area. "I'd like to give back to the community, which has given me so much. By supporting cancer research in this way, I feel that I might be able to help a lot of people."

The Huffines' generosity will enable Frenkel and his colleagues to proceed with drug

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trials for a select group of cancer patients.

"I am deeply touched by Sydney and J.L. Huffines' interest, concern and sensitivity regarding the future of cancer research," said Frenkel. "I am sure that together we can outline a number of research areas that are of particular interest to the Huffines."

The Huffines are ardent supporters of education. In appreciation of the city of Lewisville, where his father's original Chevrolet dealership has remained in operation for over 70 years, J.L. Huffines bought and donated 17 acres of land to the Lewisville Independent School District in memory of his father. The J.L. Huffines Sr. Middle School was dedicated Aug. 21, 1997.

Huffines has supported his alma mater, Texas A&M University, by playing an active role in the Texas A&M University 12th Man Foundation. He also has served as both chairman ('69-'71) and board member ('62-'71) of the Board of Regents, State Senior Colleges of Texas, and he served on the board of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation from 1989-1995. Since 1996 Huffines has been a trustee of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Active on numerous community and industry boards, Huffines has received many awards and honors, including the Texas Automobile Dealers Association (TADA) Key Director for 1995 in recognition of his service to the automobile industry, TADA and the State of Texas.

"J.L. and Sydney Huffines are committed to medical excellence in the same way as Gene Frenkel," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "Their generous support will help ensure that our clinical and research programs in oncology are second to none."

Frenkel, a doctor who effortlessly inspires his patients' confidence and lifelong friendship, holds the A. Kenneth Pye Professorship in Cancer Research and the Patsy R. and Raymond D. Nasher Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research in Honor of Eugene P. Frenkel, M.D. He is a member of 18 professional societies and has served in various capacities for the American Cancer Society. He also has served on the operations committee of the Komen Alliance Breast Cancer Task Force and the board of directors of the Visiting Nurse Association of Texas.

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