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\$700,000 gift from Lawrence and Joyce Lacerte aids renovation of Heart, Lung and Vascular Center at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – Dec. 12, 2007 – Technology entrepreneur Lawrence Lacerte and his wife, Joyce, have donated \$700,000 in support of the Heart, Lung and Vascular Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, made through the St. Paul Medical Foundation, provided funds for the enhancement and refurbishment of the newly named Joyce and Larry Lacerte Heart & Lung Clinic, located on the sixth floor of Professional Building 2 on UT Southwestern's clinical West Campus. The Lacerte clinic was given in memory of Mrs. Lacerte's late father, Transito G. Baca, Ed.D., in gratitude for the care he received at UT Southwestern University Hospital – St. Paul.

"We very much appreciate the incredible generosity of Larry and Joyce Lacerte, whose gift has allowed us to renovate the clinic to ensure that patients will be cared for in a comforting environment," said Dr. Mark Drazner, who treats his patients in the new Lacerte clinic. "Thanks to the improvements made possible through this gift, the facility is much more functional and patient friendly, having improved access for those requiring ambulatory assistance or with assist devices. Further, the renovation has allowed us to minimize the distance our patients will have to walk during a visit, which is important given their underlying medical conditions." Dr. Drazner is associate professor of internal medicine and holder of the James M. Wooten Chair in Cardiology.

"UT Southwestern is a remarkable asset for Dallas," said Mrs. Lacerte. "It meant more time and quality of life for my dad, and I will be forever grateful."

Mr. Lacerte is the founder, chairman and CEO of Exponent HR, a Web-based payroll, human resources, benefits and performance company specializing in emerging applied sciences in human resources, business data retention and Internet-related ventures. As one of the leading entrepreneurs in the industry for more than 25 years, he is credited with bringing significant technological innovation to the accounting industry. In 1996 he was named as one of the "Trailblazers in Technology" by *Accounting Today*. He also founded and served as chairman and chief executive officer of Lacerte Software Corp., which was sold to Intuit Corp. in 1998.

Mr. Lacerte is a trustee of St. Mark's School of Texas, and a former member of the executive board of the Edwin L. Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University.

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Mrs. Lacerte, a native of California, serves on the St. Paul Medical Foundation board and is the co-chair of Legends 2008, the annual benefit for the foundation and the Heart, Lung and Vascular Center. She is involved in numerous civic and community organizations, including the Crystal Charity Ball, Hockaday School, St. Mark's, and SMU's Willis M. Tate Distinguished Lecture Series, among others.

"Larry and Joyce's generosity not only is an expression of their personal confidence in the future of UT Southwestern and the Heart, Lung and Vascular Center, but also is an important symbol to others of the importance of private philanthropy in furthering the public good," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of the medical center. "The role that they are playing in our progression as a world-class medical center is critical, and we are all very grateful for their willingness to improve the services we offer. It is especially touching that the Lacertes' desire to help others in this way was initiated in part by the excellent care received by Joyce's father."

The UT Southwestern Heart, Lung and Vascular Center is a collaborative effort between UT Southwestern faculty and community physicians, who unite to bring their clinical and surgical expertise to patients needing cardiac, pulmonary or vascular care. Seamless, individualized care is available for adult congenital heart disease, cardiac imaging, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, electrophysiology, general cardiology, heart failure, heart and lung transplant, interventional cardiology, interventional radiology, lung transplant pulmonology, mechanical circulatory assistance, preventive cardiology, pulmonary hypertension, and vascular and endovascular surgery.

Sally Ridgway, president of St. Paul Medical Foundation, said, "The outstanding medical care delivered by our heart, lung and vascular specialists – care that consistently results in national acclaim – would not be possible without the assistance of civic-minded philanthropists like the Lacertes. We are grateful for their generous gift, and for the impact it will have on our patients' lives."

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