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SOUTHWESTERN BELL FOUNDATION PLEDGES \$60,000 TO EQUIP RESEARCH LABS USED IN SUMMER MINORITY PROGRAM

DALLAS — OCTOBER 29, 1993 — The Southwestern Bell Foundation has pledged \$60,000 to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The gift will allow the medical center to purchase advanced research equipment for use in the laboratories of faculty scientists who are involved in the Summer Research Program for Minority High School Students and Teachers.

This innovative program was begun at UT Southwestern 10 years ago as part of an institutional effort to assist and encourage science education in Texas high schools. Core funding for the program is provided through a competitively awarded grant from the National Institutes of Health.

"We at UT Southwestern are proud to team up with Southwestern Bell to invest in the future of science and medicine through the students in this program," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "This gift will make sure our program continues to grow and opens a door to science and medicine for minority students and teachers."

Larry Schnieders, Southwestern Bell's executive director for external affairs, said, "Southwestern Bell Foundation is committed to education issues in Texas, and we are proud to be part of a program that encourages math and science excellence."

UT Southwestern's summer research program has grown steadily since its inception in 1983. This past summer 16 high-school students were selected from among 130 applicants. The students were joined by three high-school science teachers, who also worked in research labs.

Each participant works alongside a UT Southwestern researcher during the eight-week program, which lasts from mid-June to early August. Working side-by-side with researchers exposes the students and teachers to scientific knowledge and technology available today.

"This is knowledge that they can also take back with them to their respective schools," said Dr. Joel Goodman, associate professor of pharmacology at UT Southwestern and director of the summer research program.

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