

Media Contact: Rachel Skei Donihoo
214-648-3404
rachel.donihoo@utsouthwestern.edu

\$1 million gift from John and Nancy Penson establishes urology fund at UT Southwestern in honor of esteemed physician

DALLAS – March 24, 2009 – Dallas philanthropists John and Nancy Penson, honoring their friend and physician, have given \$1 million to Southwestern Medical Foundation to foster prostate cancer research at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift will create the Nancy P. and John G. Penson Fund in Urology, in Honor of Claus G. Roehrborn, M.D. Dr. Roehrborn is chairman of urology and an internationally regarded authority on prostate disease.

“Mr. and Mrs. Penson have been exceptionally loyal benefactors to UT Southwestern, and we are extremely grateful for their continued generosity and support,” said Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, president of the medical center. “This latest gift fosters a field of study of critical importance to millions of men, while honoring one of the medical center’s pre-eminent physicians. With gifts such as this to strengthen and expand our clinical and research programs, UT Southwestern can enhance its ability to advance medical care and science as one of the premier cancer centers in the country.”

Mr. Penson, chairman emeritus of Penson Properties, an investment firm, said, “Our family has long been associated with the research efforts of UT Southwestern. In view of the recent developments in the field of prostate cancer, we would like to acknowledge the many achievements of the medical center’s urology department and the outstanding leadership of Dr. Roehrborn. We wish them continued success in the future.”

Mr. Penson, who built a successful career in the oil business after graduating from Harvard Business School in 1947, is the nephew of UT Southwestern’s first chief of surgery, Dr. Lee Hudson.

Mrs. Penson is an honorary trustee of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

The Pensons’ daughter, Dr. Anne Sheegog, earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 1986.

The couple avidly supports a wide variety of civic organizations, including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the Hockaday School.

“Nancy and Jack Penson have been incredibly generous to UT Southwestern, and I am humbled to be the beneficiary of this wonderful gift, which will be used to advance research and clinical care in

(MORE)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS

UT Southwestern Medical School • UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences • UT Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School
UT Southwestern University Hospitals & Clinics

Office of News and Publications • 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75390-9060 • Telephone 214-648-3404 • Fax 214-648-9119
www.utsouthwestern.edu

Penson gift – 2

urology and, most specifically, prostate cancer,” said Dr. Roehrborn. “Prostate cancer is still the most common malignancy in men, and the second most common cause of cancer death in the United States.

“Physicians now are successful in treating early stages of the disease, but are less so in preventing suffering and death from its later stages,” he explained. “The Pensons’ wonderful gift fund will enable us to advance our understanding and treatment of the advanced stages of prostate cancer, both in the laboratory and in the clinic.”

Dr. Roehrborn earned his medical degree in 1980 from Justus Liebig University Medical School in Giessen, Germany. In 1992 he joined the faculty of UT Southwestern, where he holds the E.E. Fogelson and Greer Garson Fogelson Distinguished Chair in Urology. He has won numerous awards for his writing and research, including being named one of the Best Doctors in Dallas list by *D Magazine* and the Best Doctors in America list.

“Nancy and Jack Penson have long been among the most faithful supporters of UT Southwestern,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation and former president of the medical center. “Their donations to underwrite the research of Mike Brown and Joe Goldstein came at a pivotal time early in their careers, long before the Nobel committee recognized their work. Subsequently, the Pensons endowed a distinguished chair in surgery and a professorship in clinical psychology. Now, with this latest donation, they are continuing their remarkable legacy of support. We are honored by their trust and confidence in Southwestern Medical Foundation and UT Southwestern as beneficiaries of their generosity.”

###

To automatically receive news releases from UT Southwestern via e-mail,
subscribe at www.utsouthwestern.edu/receivenews