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\$12 million fund honors Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern

DALLAS – June 17, 2008 – In appreciation for the three decades of Dr. Kern Wildenthal's administrative leadership at UT Southwestern, fellow faculty members and community admirers recently began conducting a secret campaign to establish the "Kern Wildenthal Fund" in his honor.

The special donations, which are being made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, were disclosed in a surprise announcement to Dr. Wildenthal at a celebratory dinner in early May honoring the benefactors of the medical center's ambitious *Innovations in Medicine* campaign, which raised a total of more than \$772 million for the research and treatment of major diseases.

Contributions to the Wildenthal Fund have thus far have exceeded \$12 million.

"Perhaps the highest honor that can come to a member of the academic community is to have an endowment established that will bear his or her name in perpetuity, supporting the work of distinguished faculty members for years to come," said Dr. Alfred Gilman, executive vice president for academic affairs at UT Southwestern, provost, and dean of the medical school. "The Wildenthal Fund really is a measure of our thanks for those personal qualities that go beyond mere administrative skills and that have fostered a sense of pride and happiness at what has been built at the medical center."

Dr. Gilman spearheaded the invitation for faculty and staff to participate in the fund.

Tom Engibous, retired chairman of Texas Instruments, who conceived and initiated the simultaneous community campaign to establish the Wildenthal Fund and made the founding pledge, said: "Dr. Wildenthal joins the short list of people who have truly changed Dallas in a great way. It's important for future generations to learn from his example, and having his name linked permanently to such a prominent institution is a wonderful way to do that."

Dr. Wildenthal said that having such significant resources donated and dedicated for purposes recommended by him was "the highest honor I could ever imagine receiving. These generous gifts will provide an enormous boost to UT Southwestern's efforts to rise to our full potential."

He said the funds will be used principally to accelerate the medical center's Clinical Services Initiative – a program designed to enhance the service and care received by UT Southwestern's patients; to serve as matching funds for efforts to recruit the best possible new faculty physicians and

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scientists to Dallas; and to provide scholarship support to outstanding students.

“In the final analysis, UT Southwestern’s success depends on the quality of our faculty and trainees, and on the quality of care and service we give our patients,” Dr. Wildenthal said. “This new Fund will provide a tremendous opportunity and challenge for us to continue to strive to constantly improve the quality of all our programs.”

In addition to the “Founders” (those who contributed \$1 million), more than 150 individuals, couples and foundations have donated or pledged additional amounts to date ranging from \$10 to \$500,000.

“Founders” thus far include Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Beecherl Jr.; the Cain Foundation; the Robert H. and Nancy Dedman family; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Engibous; Mrs. Ute Schwarz Haberecht, Dr. Rolf R. Haberecht, Dr. Michael Haberecht and Caroline Haberecht Moore; S.T. and Hallie G. Harris; Mrs. Linda W. Hart and Mr. Milledge A. Hart III; the Eugene McDermott Foundation; the William A. and Elizabeth Moncrief Foundation; Margot and Ross Perot and the Perot Foundation; Frank Ribelin; and UT Southwestern Medical Center faculty and staff.

A gift of \$500,000 has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Trammel Crow, the Harlan Crow family, the Trammel S. Crow family, and the Stuart Crow family; while donations at the level of \$100,000 and above have included the DGBB Foundation; Dr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Gilman; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Horchow; the Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation; and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Solomon.

Those pledging \$50,000 and above include Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Z. Altshuler; Mr. and Mrs. Trammell Crow; Dr. and Mrs. John D. McConnell; and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mankoff.

Donations of \$20,000 and above have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Bass Jr.; Drs. Willis C. and Ann Maddrey; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marsh, while gifts of \$10,000 have been made thus far by the Marilyn Augur Family Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bassel; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dunn; Mr. and Mrs. Ruben E. Esquivel; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hagggar Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. Steven G. Kernie; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. McConnell; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Y.C. Pak; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Ratchford; Dr. and Mrs. Karl E. Rathjen; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Roan; and Dr. John D. and Cynthia J. Rutherford; and Dr. Jean Wilson.

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