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Grateful alum gives \$100,000 to support education, research and clinical care at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – March 11, 2011 – Retired radiologist Dr. Donald Schenk has given \$100,000 to support education, research and clinical care programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center, his alma mater.

The donation to Southwestern Medical Foundation was made in the form of a charitable gift annuity.

Dr. Schenk, who earned a medical degree from UT Southwestern in 1964, built a successful private radiology practice in Sioux City, Iowa.

“When you get to a certain point in your life, you begin to take inventory,” said Dr. Schenk, who retired in 2010. “You begin to ask yourself, ‘Who do I owe?’ My career began at UT Southwestern, and I’ll always be grateful for what I learned there. I’m happy to be able to pay a little of it back.”

After graduating from medical school, Dr. Schenk completed an internship at Santa Clara County Hospital, now Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, in San Jose, Calif., before serving three years as an Air Force officer. He later completed a radiology residency at the University of Minnesota. He launched his practice in Sioux City in 1972 and served as chief of radiology at Mercy Medical Center-Sioux City from 1990 to 2000.

“UT Southwestern’s success in maintaining the excellence of its programs depends to a significant degree upon the commitment and generosity of dedicated friends and alumni like Dr. Schenk,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “He was a close friend while we were classmates in medical school, and it was always clear that he would become a truly outstanding doctor. We are immensely grateful for his loyalty to UT Southwestern and for his decision to help others.”

An accomplished bass singer, Dr. Schenk lends his voice to the Abu Bekr Shrine Chanters and the Siouxland Master Chorale. He also serves as president of the International

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Foundation of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Dr. Schenk and his wife, Mary, live on a 133-acre ranch in Iowa, for which they recently established a land preservation agreement (conservancy easement) through The Nature Conservancy. The couple has three grown children and three grandchildren.

Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, president of the medical center said, “As evidenced by his long career and generosity, Dr. Schenk is a strong advocate of medical education, research and clinical care. The many programs at UT Southwestern that will benefit from his generosity will constitute a wonderful legacy for his values.”

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