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McGEE FOUNDATION'S GIFT TO UT SOUTHWESTERN PROVES TIMELY

DALLAS — February 23, 1995 — Dr. Barton Kamen thinks that timing is everything in chemotherapy and, in this case, philanthropy.

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has received a \$34,700 gift from the McGee Foundation of Dallas to allow Kamen, professor of pediatrics and pharmacology, to purchase a state-of-the-art High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) system. The new HPLC should enable him to perform very sensitive analyses of chemicals in the blood as well as drugs used to treat cancer. Kamen's research is geared toward developing new cancer-fighting drugs and finding ways to use existing medicines more effectively.

"The timing of the McGee Foundation gift is amazing. I was speechless," Kamen said. "Because of their generosity, we were able to acquire the HPLC at about the same time we added three more people to our laboratory."

Kamen said the HPLC will make his laboratory more productive. "It improves our ability to do our analyses in a more meaningful way," he said.

The McGee Foundation is headed by Dallas business executives Kenton and Nancy McGee. The foundation was established by the McGees to support education and medical research. The McGee Foundation had earlier contributed \$10,000 to UT Southwestern's Fund for Molecular Research, as well as making gifts to Zale Lipshy University Hospital and the Children's Cancer Fund.

"Our community is fortunate to have people like Kenton and Nancy McGee who want to make a difference in the lives of others," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "Their support of research in pediatric oncology and other areas is of critical importance."

Kamen holds the Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation Distinguished Chair in Pediatric Oncology Research at UT Southwestern and is the only pediatrician in the United States to hold an American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professorship.

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