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## **Nelson Mauldin honors mother with \$200,000 gift to support Alzheimer's disease research at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – April 20, 2011 – In honor of his beloved mother whose final years were consumed by Alzheimer's disease, Nelson Mauldin has donated \$200,000 to support research at UT Southwestern Medical Center into the debilitating neurological disorder.

The gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation, which was given in the form of a charitable gift annuity, will create the Katie Nelson Mauldin Fund for Alzheimer's Disease Research.

Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, president of UT Southwestern, said, "We are on the brink of several significant developments in the fight against Alzheimer's disease, and we're sincerely touched by Nelson Mauldin's desire to honor his mother by supporting the medical center's research programs in such a significant way."

An only child and self-professed "mama's boy," Mr. Mauldin became his mother's caretaker during her seven-year battle with the disease.

"She took care of me as a child, so it became my time to take care of her," said Mr. Mauldin, of Arlington. "She was the love of my life and, as difficult as it was, this experience really allowed me to step up to the plate. Unless you have dealt with Alzheimer's firsthand, it is impossible to know how overwhelmed and hopeless you can feel. When I read about everything UT Southwestern is doing to find a cure and help others with the disease, it inspired me to donate to the cause and, I hope, help others in the process."

Born and raised in Dallas, Mr. Mauldin graduated from Crozier Technical High School in 1948 and attended Texas Tech University until 1950. He launched his own electrical manufacturing sales agency in Dallas, which was sold in 1994. After retirement he relocated to Arlington, where he cared for his mother until her death in 1997.

Mrs. Mauldin, an avid gardener, horsewoman and crochet enthusiast, "walked religiously" and remained active all her life, her son said. Mr. Mauldin's father, Fred, spent his

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career at Lonestar Gas Co. and died of cancer in 1994.

“This generous gift from Mr. Mauldin supports an area of medical research in which there is great promise and urgency,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “We are pleased that he has chosen to pay tribute to Katie Mauldin in such a valuable way, and we are very grateful for his thoughtfulness and confidence.”

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