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**SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL FOUNDATION HONORS
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS ADVOCATE**

DALLAS — Nov. 6, 1998 — A woman whose name is synonymous with raising the country's awareness of breast cancer is the recipient of the Southwestern Medical Foundation's 1998 Charles Cameron Sprague Community Service Award.

The award was presented to Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, at the foundation's annual trustee dinner Thursday night at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

The foundation's Community Service Award, given annually since 1991, was renamed in 1996 to honor Dr. Sprague, chairman emeritus of the foundation and former president of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. It is given annually to one or more individuals who have helped advance medical education, research and patient care. Mrs. Brinker has been active in all three domains.

"Today millions of women are aware of the risks of breast cancer, as well as the available treatments and necessary preventive care because of the efforts of Nancy Brinker," said W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. "The foundation is pleased to add Mrs. Brinker to the distinguished list of community service award recipients."

Mrs. Brinker established the Komen foundation in 1982 to honor a promise she had made to her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer in 1980 at the age of 36. Started with a few hundred dollars, the Komen foundation has since raised more than \$90 million. In addition to funding education, screening and treatment projects for the medically underserved in local communities across the country, the Komen foundation has awarded more than 250 major research and project grants. It is the nation's largest private sponsor of research dedicated exclusively to breast cancer. Mrs. Brinker, also a breast-cancer survivor, founded the Race For The Cure, which takes place in 90 U.S. cities.

Mrs. Brinker has served on several national cancer committees, including the National Cancer Advisory Board (appointed by President Reagan in 1986) and the three-member President's Cancer Panel (appointed by President Bush in 1991). She is the author of *The Race Is Run One Step at a Time*

and co-author of *1,000 Questions About Women's Health*, an ardent health-and-wellness advocate and a popular public speaker. She is also a member of the board of directors of two publicly held companies, Physician Reliance Network and Meditrust Corp.

Mrs. Brinker has received more than 45 major recognition awards. In 1997 alone she received the American Institute of Public Service's Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service by a Private Citizen; the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Board of Sponsors; and the National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation's Excellence in Leadership Award. Recently Brinker was presented with the 1998 Leadership Award by the 13th Annual Women's Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

The evening's speaker was Dr. James Watson, president of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Dr. Watson was awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine along with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins for the discovery of the structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA).

The foundation lends support to UT Southwestern in its mission to help attract and retain the nation's top teaching talent, manages donated funds for endowed chairs, professorships, student scholarships, loans and benefit programs. The foundation also supports the medical center through research grants and educational conference grants.

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

James W. Aston, a Dallas philanthropist and chairman emeritus of Southwestern Medical Foundation, received the foundation's first Community Service Award in 1991. Since then, the award has been presented to:

Ruth C. Altshuler

Paul M. Bass

Julia T. and Louis A. Beecherl Jr.

Joe M. Dealey

Cecil H. Green

Nancy B. Hamon

Jess Hay

Erik Jonsson

George L. MacGregor

Margaret M. McDermott

Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr.

Margot and Ross Perot

Ralph B. Rogers

Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay

Annette and Harold C. Simmons

Dr. Charles Cameron Sprague

Donald Zale