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Dallas philanthropist establishes \$100,000 cancer research fund to honor her late husband, his oncologist

DALLAS – May 20, 2004 – Ruth E. Robinson has given \$100,000 to establish a fund for cancer research at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas in memory of her late husband and in honor of his esteemed oncologist.

The gift, which was given to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will create the Edgar A. Robinson Family Fund in Cancer Research, in Honor of Eugene Frenkel, M.D., and will support clinical studies and research into chemotherapy resistance.

Mr. Robinson died of lymphoma in 2003 at the age of 69 after a five-year battle with cancer. Dr. Frenkel is a professor of internal medicine and radiology at UT Southwestern.

“Ed accepted his illness, and it evolved into a mission to encourage people to become survivors,” said Mrs. Robinson, his wife of 47 years. “Dr. Frenkel was his mentor and friend and was always on his side, lifting his spirits. With wisdom, humor and plain talk, Gene and his dedicated clinical staff became the ‘medicine’ to keep Ed centered and hopeful. This gift is simply a way of saying, ‘thank you.’ ”

Mr. Robinson served in leadership roles for a host of organizations, from the board of directors of the British Library in London, the Harlem Boys Choir, the Dallas Symphony Association, the Dallas Theater Center and Brown University to board president of the Dallas Zoological Society and the Vogel Alcove. He graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in economics and later earned a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University before beginning a 38-year career at Exxon Corp., where he eventually retired as vice president and treasurer.

“This gift is exceedingly touching to me,” said Dr. Frenkel, holder of the Patsy R. and Raymond D. Nasher Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research and the A. Kenneth Pye Professorship in Cancer Research. “It was a privilege to look after Edgar in the final years of his life, and I am deeply moved that Ruth has chosen to honor her husband by supporting my work so generously.”

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