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****TMA Auxiliary presents gifts to help fund medical education

DALLAS--Donations totaling \$20,165 to help medical students pay for their education and to pursue overall medical school excellence were presented to officials of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas today.

Cynthia Hudgins of Dallas, president-elect of the Texas Medical Association Auxiliary, presented the checks from the American Medical Association's Education and Research Foundation. Each year the TMA raises money for the foundation and acts as its agent in distributing the funds to designated medical schools in Texas.

Funds totaling \$6,543 are earmarked for student assistance at UT Southwestern this year. The \$13,622 balance is in unrestricted funds for "the pursuit of excellence in the medical school's program," according to Gayanne Burns, chairperson of the AMA-ERF Committee of the AMA Auxiliary, and Dr. William E. Jacott, AMA-ERF president.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.