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Olean Vincent honors family members, close friend with \$1.3 million bequest to support three areas of research at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – Sept. 28, 2006 – Philanthropist Olean U. Vincent has bequeathed \$1.3 million to support research into Alzheimer's disease, osteosarcoma and glioblastoma at UT Southwestern Medical Center. The gift pays tribute to her husband, Albert M. Vincent; stepson, Morgan Vincent; and good friend, Dr. Guy B. Kindred, all of who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Vincent, a Dallas homemaker and native Texan, died in 2004 at the age of 91.

"Olean Vincent generously chose to support three areas of research of particular importance to her and to the medical center," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "There is much to be learned about Alzheimer's disease, osteosarcoma and glioblastoma, despite the many research breakthroughs that already have been made. We're enormously grateful for this thoughtful gift and for Mrs. Vincent's confidence in our efforts to find better ways to treat these deadly diseases."

Sixty percent of the gift will be used to support studies into Alzheimer's disease, which claimed the life of her husband in and four of his siblings. The gift will foster research of the progressive, degenerative disorder that affects an estimated 4.5 million Americans. The disease, which strikes one in 10 individuals over the age of 65, attacks the brain's nerve cells resulting in loss of memory, reasoning and language skills, and behavioral changes.

Twenty percent of the gift will support research of osteosarcoma, a rare, but deadly, form of bone cancer that most often affects older children and adolescents. Mrs. Vincent's stepson died from the disease in the 1990s. There are about 900 new cases of osteosarcoma diagnosed in the United States each year.

The remainder of the bequest will support the research into glioblastoma, the most aggressive type of brain tumor. Dr. Kindred, a distinguished graduate of UT Southwestern Medical School who was a close friend of Mrs. Vincent, died from the disease in 2003. The overall prognosis for patients with glioblastoma has changed little in the past two decades, despite major improvements in neuroimaging, neurosurgery and radiation treatment techniques. Few patients with the disease survive longer than three years.

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