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*****Lions' eye bank, Dallas skin bank
merge.

DALLAS--A coordinated effort for the donation of human eyes and skin for transplantation has been announced by Dr. Charles Baxter, professor of surgery at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

The existing skin banking program at the center has merged with the District 2X 1's Lions Club eye bank to form the Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation. District 2X 1 covers a large area of Northeast Texas.

"The foundation is a step in the right direction to make opportunities for transplants more readily available," said the surgeon. The foundation makes organs for transplant available for other areas of the state as well as supplying these needs in this area. In addition, requests for human skin, often necessary to the survival of burn and other trauma victims, are often answered when possible from all over the country.

Baxter stated that the states of Arkansas and Oregon have enacted state programs for all organ donations.

Besides Dr. Baxter, members of the advisory board to the foundation include Howard Snyder, Lions Club representative; Drs. John E. Eisenlohr and William S. Harris, Dallas ophthalmologists; Dr. Charles Petty, director of the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences and professor of pathology at the center; Dr. John Brodrick, associate professor of ophthalmology at the UT institution and Baxter.

Ellen Heck, faculty associate in surgery at the center, is university coordinator.

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