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## **HOBLITZELLE FOUNDATION GIVES \$2 MILLION TO HELP CONSTRUCT STATE-OF-THE-ART RESEARCH FACILITY**

DALLAS – Nov. 16, 2002 – In what is the largest contribution it has ever made to a single organization, the Hoblitzelle Foundation of Dallas has donated \$2 million to help build a state-of-the-art research facility at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The gift to the Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle Fund at Southwestern Medical Foundation will help construct the fourth research tower on the medical center's North Campus. When completed in 2005, the \$240 million, 800,000-square-foot project – including a 14-story tower – will be the largest research facility ever constructed in Texas.

The building, funded through state and federal grants and private philanthropy, is part of UT Southwestern's *Innovations in Medicine* campaign to raise \$450 million for clinical advances and medical research. Among the campaign's priorities is an emphasis on neuroscience, cancer, heart disease and stroke, pediatric and inherited illnesses, infectious diseases, and basic science and biotechnology.

"The Hoblitzelle Foundation is always interested in advancing major initiatives at UT Southwestern," said Paul W. Harris, executive vice president of the foundation. "This is the largest gift ever made to a single institution by the Hoblitzelle Foundation and is evidence of our board's confidence in UT Southwestern and its promise of significant advances in the medical sciences over the next decades."

One of the foremost supporters of Southwestern Medical Foundation, the Hoblitzelle Foundation was established by Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle in 1942. Since then, it has given more than \$9 million to UT Southwestern, including participation in endowing the George L. MacGregor Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Science and establishment of the Donald W. Seldin, M.D., Laboratories for Neuroscience Research. The foundation also underwrote the \$240,000 site development plan for UT Southwestern's North Campus in 1988.

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benefactors, and its support has engendered much of our growth and progress over the years,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “Mr. and Mrs. Hoblitzelle were true friends from the days of UT Southwestern’s founding, and our current stature owes much to their support and to the support of the foundation that carries on their legacy.”

Mr. Hoblitzelle was founder of Interstate Amusement Co. – later known as Interstate Circuit – which included the company’s flagship Majestic Theatre in downtown Dallas. He was Interstate’s president from 1906 until his retirement in 1965. Concurrently, Mr. Hoblitzelle became a director of Republic National Bank of Dallas in 1928 and chaired its board from 1945 until 1965.

Mr. Hoblitzelle, a co-founder of Southwestern Medical Foundation, served as its president from 1953 to 1962, and as chairman of the board until his death in 1967. His land donation allowed construction of the first Southwestern Medical School buildings adjacent to Parkland Memorial Hospital, and the Karl Hoblitzelle Clinical Science Building at UT Southwestern is named in his honor.

“The Hoblitzelle Foundation has been the cornerstone of some of the most important projects ever undertaken at UT Southwestern, and this is yet another,” said W. Plack Carr, Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “We are grateful for the foundation’s consistent and magnanimous support and are very pleased that it has chosen to contribute to a campaign so essential to the future of medical research in the country.”

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