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**Dr. Ruth Guy donates \$100,000 to support medical  
laboratory science programs at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – Oct. 26, 2006 – A \$100,000 gift from Dr. Ruth Guy, a renowned leader in pathology and microbiology education, has established a professorship in medical laboratory science at UT Southwestern Medical Center, where she taught for three decades.

The gift, which will create the L. Ruth Guy, Ph.D., Professorship in Medical Laboratory Science, was created through a charitable remainder trust she established at Southwestern Medical Foundation before her death in May at the age of 93.

Dr. Guy was named professor emeritus of pathology and medical laboratory sciences when she retired from UT Southwestern in 1982. She had joined the faculty in 1953 and over the years taught hundreds of medical students and allied health students.

“Having taught at UT Southwestern for so much of her highly accomplished career, Dr. Guy saw firsthand the important role graduates from the UT Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School play in providing quality health care,” said W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “She cared about the future and expressed that commitment through a wonderful planned gift to help future generations of students and faculty members.”

A native Texan, Dr. Guy was born in the Kaufman County town of Kemp to a schoolteacher and a cotton farmer. She earned a bachelor’s degree in 1934 and a master’s degree in medical technology in 1946 from Baylor University. She earned a doctorate from Stanford University in 1953.

Dr. Guy co-founded the School of Medical Technology in Dallas, which became part of UT Southwestern in 1969, and was the first chairman of the department.

An innovative blood-bank leader who served as associate director of Parkland Memorial Hospital’s blood bank for 25 years, Dr. Guy used her advocacy of immunohematology to aid many regions of the world, where she taught at a number of universities and helped establish blood banks. Her work in forensic pathology at Parkland was

instrumental in developing a sexual assault kit and made her a sought-after expert in criminal cases across the United States.

In 1989 her long history of professional leadership won her entry into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. The American Society of Clinical Pathologists named her an honorary fellow – the first person who was not a physician to receive this honor. In 1988 the Baylor University Women's Council of Dallas honored her as a Dallas Woman of Distinction. In 1984 UT Southwestern established the L. Ruth Guy Lectureship in Clinical Pathology in her honor.

“Ruth Guy was not only a stellar academician and educator, but a wonderful humanitarian who seized every opportunity to use her wealth of knowledge for the common good,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “Long after her retirement, she continued to share her love of science with others and remained committed to our medical students, who meant so much to her. We're enormously grateful for her generous gift and are proud to have a professorship bear her name.”

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UT Southwestern Medical Center, one of the premier medical centers in the nation, integrates pioneering biomedical research with exceptional clinical care and education. Its more than 1,400 full-time faculty members – including four active Nobel Prize winners, more than any other medical school in the world – are responsible for groundbreaking medical advances and are committed to translating science-driven research quickly to new clinical treatments. UT Southwestern physicians provide medical care in 40 specialties to nearly 89,000 hospitalized patients and oversee 2.1 million outpatient visits a year.

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