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## **\$12 million gift from the Dedman Foundation establishes endowed scholars program in clinical care at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – May 29, 2009 – The Dedman Foundation has given a landmark \$12 million gift to establish the Dedman Family Endowed Program for Scholars in Clinical Care at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, which was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, has been matched to create a \$24 million endowment. The fund will aid in recruiting the most promising early career physicians to the medical center and launching their careers under the mentorship of senior clinicians and clinical scientists.

The program will support an average of eight clinical scholars at any given time, with two scholars rotating out of the program and two new rotating in each year. Under the gift's guidelines, each scholar will receive a four-year start-up package, after which he or she will "graduate" from the program.

UT Southwestern's acclaimed Endowed Scholars Program in Biomedical Science began in 1998 with \$60 million in philanthropic funds to allow for the recruitment of new basic-science assistant professors each year in perpetuity. The new Endowed Scholars Program in Clinical Care is a sister program that supports young clinicians who concentrate on delivering clinical care and conducting clinically related research.

The Dedman Foundation, created in 1995 by the late Robert H. Dedman Sr., has supported higher education, public charities, civic organizations and medical institutions. UT Southwestern has been identified as one of its three principal beneficiaries, along with Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Austin.

"UT Southwestern has long been a model of outstanding leadership in our community, and this gift is a reflection of our confidence in the institution and the direction it's taking," said Robert H. Dedman Jr., chairman of the Dedman Foundation. "Our hope is that our support will help the medical center attract and retain the best clinical scholars in the world – physicians whose impact will extend beyond medicine as we know it today.

"One of the great advantages of a place like UT Southwestern is that clinicians and basic-research scientists have the opportunity to accelerate the learning process by combining knowledge

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gained at both bench and bedside. We're thrilled to be able to give this gift and are very excited about what the future holds."

Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, president of the medical center, said, "We are grateful for the long history of dedicated support that the Dedman family has shown UT Southwestern through the years. Their generosity is matched only by their sincere desire to help us make life better for the people of our community. This enormously significant gift will impact the lives of countless patients for generations to come. By supporting the career development of outstanding clinicians and clinical investigators, the Endowed Scholars Program in Clinical Care will ensure that UT Southwestern fulfills its commitment to excellence in clinical care and innovation for the benefit of our patients."

One of the state's most prolific philanthropic families, the Dedmans and their foundation have made numerous gifts to SMU, including for the Dedman School of Law, the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, and the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports. The Dedman School of Hospitality at Florida State University is also named in honor of Robert Dedman Sr. UT Austin established the Dedman Merit Scholars program thanks to the family's support.

Robert H. Dedman Sr. earned two bachelor's degrees and a law degree from UT Austin, and a master's of law degree from Southern Methodist University. In 1957 he founded Dallas-based ClubCorp, a leading operator of golf courses, private clubs and resorts.

Mr. Dedman, who died in 2002, received numerous honors throughout his career, including Texas Entrepreneur of the Year in 1976, Dallas Humanitarian of the Year in 1980, Texas Business Hall of Fame in 1987 and the Horatio Alger Award in 1989.

Nancy McMillan Dedman was married 49 years to the late Mr. Dedman. Born in Bristow, Okla., she graduated from SMU as a Phi Beta Kappa member with a bachelor's degree in history and political science.

Mrs. Dedman has served on the UT Southwestern University Hospitals and Clinics Board of Visitors, the board of the Shelter Ministries of Dallas, and the Salvation Army Advisory Board. She also is a supporter of the Dallas Museum of Art, the Texas Ballet Theater and the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts. She was honored with the Annette Strauss Humanitarian Award in 2004.

Robert H. Dedman Jr., former chairman of the board of ClubCorp, earned a master of business administration degree and a juris doctor cum laude from SMU after graduating with a bachelor's degree in economics from UT Austin. He serves on the boards of trustees of Southwestern

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Medical Foundation, SMU, the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts and the Dallas Museum of Art.

Mr. Dedman's wife, Rachael, is actively involved in the Crystal Charity Ball and serves on the boards of Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dallas, Meadows School of the Arts at SMU and the Sweetheart Ball, an organization that provides funds for heart research to UT Southwestern. She and her mother-in-law co-chaired the 2009 Sweetheart Ball, which set a new funding record for the charity.

Patricia Dedman Nail is the daughter of Nancy Dedman and the late Mr. Dedman. She spent 15 years in private practice as a psychotherapist and has taught at SMU. She has been actively involved in the Cattle Baron's Ball, The Family Place and Pi Beta Phi.

"The Dedmans are community leaders, humanitarians and philanthropists in everything they do. Their loyal commitment to the medical center – and to the people of our community – is an inspiration to all of us," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. "This magnificent gift will allow UT Southwestern not only to continue its mission to provide the best clinical care in the world, but also to conduct clinical research to develop life-saving new treatments. The Dedmans have always shared a dream for a better world, and they continue to draw us all into their vision."

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