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HAWN FOUNDATION PLEDGES \$1 MILLION FOR RESEARCH

DALLAS – Nov. 18, 2002 – Continuing more than 15 years of support, the Hawn Foundation of Dallas has pledged \$1 million to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas toward its \$450 million *Innovations in Medicine* campaign goal.

“Our board believes that UT Southwestern is one of the most important institutions in Dallas and does a great deal for the city’s economy as well as contributes significantly to the health community,” said Joe V. Hawn Jr., Hawn Foundation president. “The Foundation was established by my uncle, W.R. ‘Fritz’ Hawn, who was a longtime supporter of UT Southwestern. We are simply continuing his legacy.”

The gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation will benefit UT Southwestern’s fund drive to accelerate clinical advances and medical research, with particular emphasis on Alzheimer’s disease and other neurological disorders; cancer; heart disease and stroke; pediatric illnesses, birth defects and inherited disorders; infectious diseases, immunology and bioterror defense; and basic genetic and molecular research, computational biology and biotechnology.

The Hawn Foundation has made several additional donations to Southwestern Medical Foundation for the benefit of UT Southwestern and its affiliated institutions this year. These include \$100,000 last spring, of which \$75,000 was designated for unrestricted medical research and \$25,000 for ongoing studies into age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a common cause of vision loss in people over 60. The foundation gave another \$25,000 in August for AMD research, \$25,000 to support the Friends of Zale Lipshy University Hospital and \$2,750 to support the Friends of Mineral Metabolism.

“Thanks to the generosity of good friends such as those at the Hawn Foundation, the quality of health care in our city continues to improve and garner national and international recognition,” said W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “These funds will be invaluable to the growth and development of UT Southwestern.”

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president, also praised the Hawn Foundation for its loyal support over the years.

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“Gifts such as these are essential if we are to build far-reaching research, teaching and patient-care programs,” he said. “We are deeply appreciative to the Hawn Foundation for its latest expression of confidence in our institution.”

The Hawn Foundation was founded in 1962 by the late W.R. Hawn and his wife Mildred Hawn. Founder and president of the foundation until his death in 1995, W.R. Hawn was a successful real-estate developer in Texas, Georgia and California, as well as a dedicated philanthropist.

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