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HOBLITZELLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$1.5 MILLION TO BUY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AT ST. PAUL

DALLAS – March 28, 2002 – A \$1.5 million gift from the Hoblitzelle Foundation has been used to acquire patient-care equipment for use in St. Paul University Hospital at Southwestern Medical Center, from the most advanced X-ray and surgical tools to blood-pressure cuffs and patient beds.

Paul W. Harris, executive vice president of the Hoblitzelle Foundation, said the foundation initially was interested in helping underwrite an addition to Zale Lipshy University Hospital. But when the acquisition of St. Paul by UT Southwestern made the Zale Lipshy expansion unnecessary, the foundation decided to help assist by providing funds for the purchase of medical equipment needed within St. Paul.

"This accomplishes our overall goal of expanding much-needed patient care facilities at Southwestern Medical Center," Harris said.

Donald R. Smithburg, president and chief executive officer of both St. Paul and Zale Lipshy, said St. Paul "is most appreciative of the Hoblitzelle Foundation's funding of this important equipment to benefit our patients. The foundation's support genuinely enhances our goal of providing excellence in care and services."

One of the foremost supporters of Southwestern Medical Foundation, the Hoblitzelle Foundation was established by Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle in 1942. Since then, the foundation has given the land for the original 60-acre site of UT Southwestern's campus, plus more than \$9 million to UT Southwestern, including \$900,000 in start-up funds for the Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science, \$1.25 million to establish the Donald W. Seldin, M.D., Laboratories for Neuroscience Research, and \$1 million to assist with initial construction of Zale Lipshy University Hospital.

"Southwestern Medical Foundation has been fortunate to be the beneficiary of the

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generous support of the Hoblitzelle Foundation for many years,” said W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “The foundation’s latest gift will help us continue to meet the medical needs of our community.”

Hoblitzelle co-founded Southwestern Medical Foundation in 1939 and served as its president from 1953 to 1962, then chairman of its board until his death in 1967. He also donated the land for the first permanent Southwestern Medical School buildings. The Karl Hoblitzelle Clinical Science Building at UT Southwestern is named in his honor.

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

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