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DIANA AND RICHARD STRAUSS ESTABLISH PROFESSORSHIP TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON DIET AND NUTRITION FOR WOMEN

DALLAS – March 22, 2001 – A continued interest in women's health issues has led Dallas philanthropists Diana and Richard Strauss to establish a professorship at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to support research on diet and nutrition for women.

The gift creates the Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Professorship in Diet, Nutrition and Women's Health.

"We've been involved in the past with several women's health-related issues," Diana Strauss said. "This professorship adds a new aspect to the others that we have established."

The Strausses are longtime supporters of UT Southwestern, having established several endowments in recent years in pediatric care, developmental biology and biomedical research. Diana Strauss also serves on the Zale Lipshy University Hospital board.

As the parents of three daughters, the Strausses believe women's health-care issues are extremely important.

"You can't separate nutrition from health," Diana Strauss said. "What we eat makes a difference. Diet and nutrition has an impact on the onset of many life-threatening diseases such as heart disease."

Dr. Margo Denke will hold the new professorship. Denke is an associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern and an investigator in the Center for Human Nutrition. Her current research focuses on nutrition, cardiovascular disease and women's health.

"The endowment was a wonderful surprise to me. Diet and nutrition have a unique impact on women's health. I have been touched by the Strausses' kindness and hope to magnify this kindness by forwarding our understanding in this important field," said Denke.

In addition to this latest gift, Diana and Richard Strauss previously have endowed the Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Distinguished Chair in Developmental Biology, the Helen J. and Robert S. Strauss and Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Distinguished Professorship in Women's Health, the Helen J. and Robert S. Strauss and Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Surgery, and the Diana and Richard C. Strauss Professorship in Biomedical Research.

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