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## STRAUS TRUST GIVES \$20,000 FOR DIABETES RESEARCH

DALLAS — Nov. 19, 1993 — A \$20,000 grant from the Eugene Straus Charitable Trust will go toward constructing laboratory facilities for diabetes research on The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center's new North Campus.

The grant was given in memory of Eugene Straus' mother, Bettie Straus, and his brothers and sister, Samuel Straus, Simon Straus and Ruby Straus, under the direction of its trustee, NationsBank of Texas, N.A. The gift is part of UT Southwestern's \$150 million Fund for Molecular Research campaign, and will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

"UT Southwestern has long been recognized as a leader in diabetes research, and gifts like this one from the Straus Trust allow us to continue this important work," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "Expansion of our laboratory facilities will allow researchers to accelerate their search for an understanding of the mechanism of the disease, and, ultimately, a cure. We are grateful to NationsBank for its foresight in supporting this effort through the Straus Trust."

Eugene Straus was born to a pioneer Dallas family in 1889. He was an active Dallas home builder and land developer. His philanthropic interests, reflected in the Straus Trust, included educational and medical services and treatment, especially in the areas of diabetes, blindness and visual impairment. His interest in diabetes came from his own battle with the disease. Straus had to have both feet amputated because of complications from the disease in later life. He died in 1975.

"We at NationsBank believe that the research in diabetes at UT Southwestern is representative of the excellence Mr. Straus intended when he established the Straus Trust in his will," said Daniel Kelly, trust-account manager of NationsBank. "The fact that this gift will be matched on a dollar-to-dollar basis further confirms our feeling that these funds will provide major benefits as intended by Mr. Straus."

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