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Cissy and W. Plack Carr Jr. donate \$200,000 for colleges program at UT Southwestern Medical School in honor of foundation chairman and employees

DALLAS – June 10, 2008 – W. Plack Carr Jr., president and chief executive officer of Southwestern Medical Foundation for the past 12 years, and his wife, Cissy, have donated \$200,000 in honor of Carla and Paul Bass, the chairman of the foundation board from 1995 to 2008, and Kay Pritchard and Katy Sinor – two longtime employees of the foundation.

The donation will be used to establish two professorships, each for \$100,000. The professorships will be held by the faculty members serving as headmaster of UT Southwestern Medical School's Sprague College, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bass; and the Seldin College, in honor of Mrs. Sinor and Mrs. Pritchard.

The colleges program, launched in 2007, is a learning community that brings together gifted faculty with small groups of students to mirror the professional clinical skills, behaviors and attitudes of a physician. Students are assigned to one of six colleges on their first day of medical school and remain in that college for all four years. Each of the six colleges is named for especially important faculty members and administrators in UT Southwestern's history.

Mr. Bass serves as vice chairman of First Southwest Company and also serves on the board of directors of First Southwest Asset Management, Inc. He also serves as director and member of the Audit Committee of Comp X International.

In addition to being active in many civic and community activities, Mr. Bass is the former Chairman of Zale Lipshy University Hospital, UT Southwestern University Hospital – St. Paul, and Parkland Memorial Hospital. He also serves as director and audit committee member of Keystone Consolidated Industries.

"The friendship that I have forged with Plack over the years is second to none and I'm extremely honored that he and Cissy decided to do this for us and for the foundation," Mr. Bass said.

Dr. Sprague served as the first president of UT Southwestern from 1967 to 1986.

After retiring, he was named president emeritus of the medical center and joined Southwestern

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Medical Foundation, becoming president of the foundation in 1986 and chairman of the board in 1988. In 1995 he was named chairman emeritus of the foundation.

“I’m totally and completely honored to be mentioned in the same breath as Dr. Sprague,” Mr. Bass said. “He was a great mentor and dear friend to me.”

Mrs. Pritchard joined the foundation in 1969 and worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for Evelyn Whitman, former executive director of the foundation. She now serves as director of administration and corporate secretary.

The secret to Mrs. Pritchard’s long career at the foundation is simple: She loves the people with whom she interacts on a daily basis.

“I’ve been very fortunate to work for some of the most wonderful people since I began here,” she said. “Each one of them has been so kind, and each of them has brought their talents and helped the foundation grow.”

When Mrs. Pritchard found out that Mr. Carr had honored Mrs. Sinor and her with a named professorship she was speechless.

“It is such an honor that I really had no words to express how thrilled I was when I found out about this,” Mrs. Pritchard said. “I would never have dreamed of being honored in this way.”

Mrs. Sinor’s tenure at the foundation began in 1986. She thought the work environment at the foundation would be a good fit. Twenty-two years later, it seems she was correct.

“It’s been amazing to work here and see the foundation grow, and to grow with the foundation,” Mrs. Sinor said. “I’ve had the privilege to work with some incredible people. Everyone believes in the foundation and in what we try to accomplish here and I’m happy to be a part of that.”

Both women said another huge thrill was discovering that their names would be associated with Dr. Donald Seldin, former chairman of internal medicine at UT Southwestern, vice president of Southwestern Medical Foundation and namesake of the Seldin College.

“They have both done a fabulous job here, and it was only natural to give them some recognition for their work,” Mr. Carr said. “They’ve excelled in donor relations and both have grown up with the foundation. We all think very highly of Kay and Katy.”

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Mr. Carr said that he and his wife were particularly happy to honor Mr. and Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Pritchard and Mrs. Sinor by linking their names to those of Dr. Sprague and Dr. Seldin.

Mr. Carr's involvement with the foundation began in 1992, when he joined the board. Education and children's issues are his primary community interests. He and his wife have served on numerous boards in the community.

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, said, "The Carrs' generosity will greatly enhance our students' experience through the colleges program, and assist our faculty mentors in guiding future generations of physicians. It is a true honor for UT Southwestern to have an endowment that will memorialize in perpetuity the great contributions made by Paul Bass, Kay Pritchard and Katy Sinor. It is especially meaningful that the gift in their honor has been made by Plack and Cissy Carr, since Plack has worked so closely with them and has himself been of such great importance for so many years in the success of Southwestern Medical Foundation and UT Southwestern."

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