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\$500,000 gift from Lorraine Sulkin Schein supports geriatric education, research at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – May 6, 2008 – Lorraine Sulkin Schein, a longtime supporter of UT Southwestern Medical Center, has bequeathed more than \$500,000 to support geriatric education and research.

Mrs. Schein's appreciation for the care she received from renowned geriatrician Dr. Craig Rubin and her belief that the elderly should receive compassionate and customized care, prompted the gift. Her bequest, made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will be used to fund a visiting lectureship in geriatrics as well as education, research and clinical programs.

"I am overwhelmed and deeply honored by this generous gift," said Dr. Rubin, director of the Mildred Wyatt and Ivor P. Wold Center for Geriatric Care at UT Southwestern. "Mrs. Schein was a patient and a friend. She was a very intelligent, insightful and caring individual. She understood the complexities of health and well-being of aging and the challenges our health care system faces addressing these issues. I am very pleased she will forever be honored by UT Southwestern for her vision and support of geriatric medicine."

Mrs. Schein, who served as a member of the staff of the National Council of Jewish Women from 1956 to 1982, died in 2007 at the age of 89. She had been a patient of Dr. Rubin for more than a decade.

"My mother was well-aware of the advantages of receiving care from a physician who was compassionate as well as trained to manage the unique array of health concerns of older adults," said Daniel E. Sulkin. "The care she received during her last years was key to her well-being, and it was really important to her that this type of specialized care continue and become more commonplace."

Mrs. Schein was born and raised in Sedalia, Mo. While studying at Washington University in St. Louis, she met her future husband, Dr. S. Edward Sulkin, and they married in 1939. Mrs. Schein earned a master's degree in business administration and personnel management in 1942.

Dr. Sulkin was an accomplished virologist who served as chairman of microbiology at

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UT Southwestern from 1945 until his death in 1972. After Dr. Sulkin's death, Mrs. Schein helped create the S. Edward Sulkin Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarship awards to exceptional microbiology graduate students at UT Southwestern. The campaign to establish the fund honoring Dr. Sulkin was initiated by the department. In 1988, she established the S. Edward Sulkin Visiting Professorship in Microbiology.

In 2001, Mrs. Schein endowed the Lorraine Sulkin Schein Distinguished Professorship in Microbial Pathogenesis to honor her late husband.

"This latest gift represents yet another example of Lorraine Sulkin Schein's generosity and support to the medical center," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "We're enormously grateful for this thoughtful gift and for Mrs. Schein's confidence in our programs and our efforts to train physicians to provide comprehensive geriatric care."

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