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**Cain Foundation donates \$5 million for
mobility research center at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – May 16, 2006 – The Cain Foundation of Austin has given \$5 million to fund a comprehensive mobility research center at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The center will be named in honor of the foundation’s two senior directors, James Cain and Frank Wofford Denius, and will allow physicians to provide specialized, cutting-edge care and research in areas such as multiple sclerosis, spinal-cord injury and stroke. The gift, which will be matched to create a \$10 million endowment, was given as part of the medical center’s \$500 million *Innovations in Medicine* campaign.

“The Cain/Denius Comprehensive Center in Mobility Research will provide tremendous opportunities for the study of movement disorders, which will ultimately benefit millions of patients across the country,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “The Cain Foundation is one of the medical center’s most loyal and committed supporters, and we are enormously grateful for its investment in our work. This latest gift will serve as a lasting reminder of the great contributions James Cain and Frank Denius have made to Texas.”

The multiple sclerosis program within the new Cain/Denius Center will provide comprehensive, interdisciplinary health care for MS patients and their families. In addition, research studies will focus on mechanisms that cause the disease.

The spinal-cord injury program’s goal is to develop better ways to treat patients with paralyzing trauma. A special focus is laboratory and clinical research in nerve repair. The program includes innovative approaches involving repetitive training on treadmills to strengthen and retrain damaged neurons, and studies on regeneration of injured cells.

UT Southwestern’s stroke program, one of the most successful in the nation, includes comprehensive treatment and research components. Care is provided both in the acute phase of the disease and in long-term rehabilitation. UT Southwestern’s mortality and morbidity rates for stroke patients are among the nation’s lowest.

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“Medical research is most important for the health and happiness of our citizens,” said Mr. Denius, an Austin attorney and president of the foundation. “We are privileged to be a part of UT Southwestern’s research and development programs.”

James Cain, senior vice president of the Cain Foundation, added, “The medical research of today is certainly the quality of health tomorrow.”

Mr. Denius and James Cain are nephews of the founders of the Cain Foundation, which was established in 1952 by Effie Marie and Wofford Cain to support Texas educational institutions, public charities, civic organizations and medical research programs.

Wofford Cain was a co-founder of Southern Union Co. When the couple became ill late in their lives, they were treated at UT Southwestern. Mr. Cain died in 1977, and Mrs. Cain died in 1999.

With this gift, the Cain Foundation has committed and donated \$14 million to the medical center since 1990, when the Effie and Wofford Cain Distinguished Chair in Diagnostic Imaging was established. In 1993 the foundation became one of the earliest contributors to UT Southwestern’s *Fund for Molecular Research* campaign by establishing the Effie Marie Cain Alzheimer’s Research Center and the Effie Marie Cain Distinguished Chair in Alzheimer’s Research.

In 1994 the foundation made another gift, establishing the Effie Marie Cain Distinguished Chair in Cancer Therapy Research and the R. Wofford Cain Distinguished Chair in Bone and Joint Disease Research. The Effie Marie and Wofford Cain Endowed Clinical Research Program was established in 1997. The foundation also contributed to the Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science in 1998. In addition, the Effie Marie Cain Research Scholar Fund was created in 1999 to provide support for new research initiatives in angiogenesis. In 2001 the foundation provided funds for the Effie and Wofford Cain Conference Center, located on the UT Southwestern North Campus.

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