

# **SOUTHWESTERN NEWS**

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## **HOBLITZELLE FOUNDATION AND ANONYMOUS DONOR ENABLE UT SOUTHWESTERN SCHOLARS PROGRAM TO BEGIN THIS FALL**

DALLAS – June 30, 1998 – A \$900,000 donation from the Hoblitzelle Foundation to Southwestern Medical Foundation and a \$1.2 million gift from an anonymous donor will provide start-up funds for UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science.

These two grants will enable the initial scholars recruited in the early years of the new program to purchase equipment and begin their research projects. The gifts are intended for immediate expenditure and are separate from the \$50 million endowment that will generate ongoing income to sustain the program.

"The Hoblitzelle Foundation and an anonymous benefactor have been farsighted in generously helping us begin this program in 1998, even before all the endowment pledges are received," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "Both these foundations have played pivotal roles in the development and growth of UT Southwestern, and these most recent gifts have been essential in allowing us to launch the program without any delay."

The Hoblitzelle Foundation, established in 1942 by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hoblitzelle, has been associated with UT Southwestern since its creation.

"This new major initiative of the medical school sets the groundwork for the next century's advancements," said Paul W. Harris, executive vice president of the Hoblitzelle Foundation. "The endowment, which has been pledged from other sources, will generate the funds needed to carry this program forward. The Hoblitzelle grant enables this effort to begin immediately while the endowment pledges become fully funded over the next few years."

In 1992 the foundation donated \$1.25 million to establish the Donald W. Seldin, M.D., Laboratories for Neuroscience Research as part of UT Southwestern's Fund for Molecular Research campaign.

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The foundation also helped establish the George L. MacGregor Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Science and in 1988 underwrote the \$240,000 site development plan for UT Southwestern's North Campus, in addition to a number of other major gifts over the years. Hoblitzelle co-founded Southwestern Medical Foundation in 1939. He served as president from 1953 to 1962, then chairman of the board until his death in 1967. He also donated the land for the first permanent Southwestern Medical School buildings. The Karl Hoblitzelle Clinical Science Building on UT Southwestern's South Campus is named in his honor.

Hoblitzelle was the founder and president of Interstate Amusement Co. He became a director of Republic National Bank of Dallas in 1928 and chaired its board from 1945 until 1965. He died in 1967.

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