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DALLAS--The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School has been awarded a grant of \$11,000 for the Dallas Cystic Fibrosis Center at Children's Medical Center.

The award was made by the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, its president, Robert D. McCreery, announced. Grants are awarded annually by the foundation for the ongoing treatment and research programs for chronic respiratory diseases at the centers. The grants total \$892,000 this year.

The Dallas center, one of a network of 110 across the country, offers diagnosis and care to more than 200 children in the North Texas area who are affected by the hereditary and incurable disease of cystic fibrosis, and also those with chronic pulmonary diseases like severe asthma, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis and childhood emphysema.

"Since establishment of the center program in 1961, advances in methods of diagnosis and treatment have produced outstanding results in the treatment of all chronic lung diseases," said Dr. Robert I. Kramer, clinical associate professor of Pediatrics and director of the Dallas C/F Center for nine years. "For cystic fibrosis patients, average life expectancy has been increased from pre-school to teenage years, with many patients living into adulthood. At present, there are approximately 1,400 young adult C/F patients fifteen years of age or older registered at C/F centers, of whom 35 are treated at the Dallas Center."

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