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DALLAS BUSINESSMAN THOMAS HICKS DONATES TO ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

DALLAS — February 2, 1995 — Thomas Hicks knows all too well the toll Alzheimer's disease takes on its victims and their families.

The Dallas businessman recently donated \$500,000 to the medical hunt for clues to the mysterious illness by establishing the Thomas O. Hicks Family Distinguished Chair in Alzheimer's Disease Research at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"After watching the effects this devastating disease is having on my mother, Madelyn Hicks, my family and I are pleased to make this contribution to help UT Southwestern work toward an eventual cure," Hicks said.

The cause of Alzheimer's disease is unknown, but it is a form of dementia that results in progressive memory loss and deterioration of brain function. Millions of elderly Americans — including President Reagan — are afflicted by Alzheimer's. Patients often grow forgetful, agitated and irritable.

"UT Southwestern is involved in nationwide clinic trials testing new medications to slow the progression of Alzheimer's and to curb the agitated behavior pattern," said UT Southwestern President Dr. Kern Wildenthal. "This investment made by Tom and his wife, Cinda, will reap rewards for years to come. It is also a tremendous vote of confidence in UT Southwestern, and we are grateful for the Hicks' generosity."

Their gift will be matched as part of the university's Fund for Molecular Research campaign, which has brought in more than \$157 million to date.

Thomas Hicks is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, a private investment firm formed in 1989, which specializes in leveraged acquisitions and strategic investments.

Prior to that, Hicks was co-chairman and co-executive officer of Hicks & Haas, another private investment firm specializing in leveraged acquisitions.

Hicks also serves as a director of Dr Pepper/Seven-Up Cos., Dr Pepper Bottling Company of Texas, Sybron Corp., Life Partners Group, Berg Electronics and G. Heileman Brewing Co.

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Last year Hicks received a 5-year appointment to the UT System Board of Regents. He serves on the board's Asset Management Committee and Health Affairs Committee.

He graduated with a master of business administration from the University of Southern California in 1970 and with a bachelor of business administration from UT Austin in 1968.

He has been an active supporter and board member of the Dallas Symphony Association, as well as Special Camps For Special Kids, a Texas nonprofit organization dedicated to creating camps for children who are physically impaired or chronically or terminally ill.

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