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## **Hoblitzelle Foundation bolsters Endowed Scholars Program with \$1 million donation to UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – March 11, 2008 – The Hoblitzelle Foundation has given \$1 million to Southwestern Medical Foundation to support UT Southwestern Medical Center's Endowed Scholars Program.

The gift, made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, brings to \$5 million the Hoblitzelle Foundation's total commitment to the recently completed *Innovations in Medicine* campaign. The latest donation will be used to help UT Southwestern recruit and launch the careers of outstanding new faculty members at the onset of their careers.

"We have had a long and productive relationship with UT Southwestern, and we expect it to continue," said Paul W. Harris, president and CEO of the Hoblitzelle Foundation.

UT Southwestern's acclaimed Endowed Scholars Program in Medical Science was established in 1998 with \$60 million in philanthropic funds, including \$900,000 in start-up funds from the Hoblitzelle Foundation. The program supports five to six basic-science researchers each year. A new parallel effort for Scholars in Clinical Science supports young investigators who concentrate on clinically related research.

"UT Southwestern's success in maintaining the excellence of our programs depends to a significant degree upon the ongoing commitment of our community," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hoblitzelle and their foundation have been among our institution's most important supporters since its founding in 1943 – when Karl Hoblitzelle joined Dr. Edward Cary and others in establishing Southwestern Medical College. We are tremendously grateful for this latest vote of confidence by the foundation."

The Hoblitzelle Foundation, established by Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle in 1942, makes grants to educational, scientific, cultural and other charitable organizations in Texas.

Two previous *Innovations in Medicine* gifts, each of \$2 million, helped construct a research

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tower and equip a state-of-the-art imaging facility on the UT Southwestern campus.

Since its creation, the foundation has given the land for the original 60-acre site of UT Southwestern's campus and more than \$12 million to support the medical center.

“We are very pleased that the Hoblitzelle Foundation has chosen to contribute this gift, which will provide start-up packages for new outstanding UT Southwestern scholars,” said W. Plack Carr Jr., Southwestern Medical Foundation president. “Support of such programs is essential to furthering medical research and making the clinical advances that will improve health care for all.”

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