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Horchow Family Charitable Trust gives \$1.5 million for Endowed Scholars in Pediatrics at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – June 30, 2004 – The Horchow Family Charitable Trust has donated \$1.5 million for the first of a new series of endowments designed to bring the most promising young clinical scientists to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and launch their careers under the mentorship of senior researchers.

The Horchow gift will enable UT Southwestern's Department of Pediatrics to recruit a series of outstanding new assistant professors to the faculty who will combine their research careers with delivery of care to patients at Children's Medical Center Dallas, where UT Southwestern pediatricians provide clinical services.

The Endowed Scholars Program in Biomedical Science was begun in 1998 with \$60 million in philanthropic funds, to allow the recruitment of new basic-science assistant professors each year in perpetuity. Each receives four-year start-up funding to enable exploration and expansion of original ideas. In the first five years, 25 of the world's most promising new basic biomedical researchers have been attracted to UT Southwestern.

The Horchow endowment, which will be supplemented by matching funds, initiates a sister program to bring to Dallas young researchers who will concentrate on clinically related research as part of the new Endowed Scholars Program in Clinical Science. The new program is a key component of UT Southwestern's \$500 million *Innovations in Medicine* fund-raising campaign.

"At a time when even the best young scientists are rightly worried by uncertainties in national research funding, the Horchow Family Endowment for Scholars in Pediatrics will allow UT Southwestern to launch the careers of some of the best young clinical scientists in the world. They will be mentored in a secure and exciting environment by some of the most outstanding medical scientists anywhere," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern.

Dr. George Lister, chairman of pediatrics and holder of the Robert L. Moore Chair in Pediatrics, said, "With the shortage of pediatric subspecialists on the rise, the endowed scholars fund has given us an ideal mechanism for attracting the best young talent available. We can now provide a springboard for novel research that would not be possible without the Horchows'

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generosity.”

Longtime members of the Dallas community, Carolyn and Roger Horchow say their three children and five grandchildren – as well as their commitment to medical care – prompted their latest gift.

“We have long understood the need for excellence in pediatric medicine, and so this gift is a very natural extension of our desire to help further Dallas’ ability to offer the best care possible,” said Mr. Horchow. “Carolyn and I feel so fortunate to have such a fine medical center in our community, and we feel indebted to UT Southwestern for all it has done to help our family – and our friends’ families. We were glad to find a way to support the important work being done here, and we’re excited about the opportunities we hope the Endowed Scholars Program will provide.”

Mr. Horchow, who holds a Bachelor of Arts and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Yale University, began his retail career in 1953 as a buyer at Foley’s Department Store in Houston. In 1960 he moved to Dallas and joined Neiman Marcus, where he became the vice president of merchandise and, in 1969, the vice president of the mail-order department. In 1971 he left Neiman Marcus to launch the Horchow Collection – the country’s first luxury mail-order catalog – which he later sold to Neiman Marcus in 1988.

Mr. Horchow, who co-produced two Tony Award-winning Broadway musicals – *Crazy for You* and *Kiss Me Kate* – has served a long list of national and local nonprofit organizations, including the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, the Jefferson Awards for Public Service, KERA-FM and the Dallas Museum of Art. He also has written several books. His latest work, *The Art of Friendship* (co-written with daughter Sally), is due in Spring 2005.

Carolyn Pfeifer Horchow, who holds a Bachelor of Arts from Connecticut College, serves on the board of directors of Zale Lipshy and St. Paul University Hospitals, KERA and the Visiting Nurse Association of Texas. She also is on the advisory board of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. Mrs. Horchow is active in numerous other civic organizations, including the Dallas Women’s Foundation, the Charter 100 Club of Dallas, Planned Parenthood of North Texas, Texas Meals-on-Wheels and the Crystal Charity Ball, among others.

The Horchows, married since 1960, have been longtime supporters of UT Southwestern. In 1988 they established the S. Roger and Carolyn P. Horchow Chair in Cardiac Research, in Honor of Jere H. Mitchell, M.D. In 1994 they established the Carolyn and S. Roger Horchow Research Fund

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to support immunology and cancer research at the medical center. The couple also supported the construction of Zale Lipshy University Hospital and contributed to the Dr. Bryan Williams Student Assistance Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Horchow funded the Horchow Family Charitable Trust, which is administered by daughters Regen Horchow Fearon, Elizabeth “Lizzie” Horchow Routman and Sally Horchow McCauley.

“The Endowed Scholars Program is crucial for our future success, and building our pediatrics program is a top priority for us,” said Dr. Wildenthal. “Combining support for these two areas as the Horchows have done will provide powerful momentum for our efforts and set a wonderful example for others.”

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