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**Dr. Thomas W. and Mary Anne Harris donate \$120,000
to support anesthesiology programs at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – April 25, 2006 – Arlington anesthesiologist Dr. Thomas W. Harris and his wife, Mary Anne, have given \$120,000 through a charitable gift annuity to support activities in the Department of Anesthesiology at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The couple's gift to Southwestern Medical Foundation will establish the Dr. Thomas W. and Mary Anne Harris Fund in Anesthesiology. Dr. Harris is a 1956 graduate of UT Southwestern Medical School.

"I'm grateful for the wonderful education that I received at UT Southwestern," said Dr. Harris. "It's been exciting to watch the university grow, and both Mary Anne and I are very proud to be able to help the Department of Anesthesiology this way."

Dr. Harris, who earned his bachelor's degree from UT Austin, joined the Army as a medical officer after graduating from UT Southwestern. He returned to Dallas in 1961 and completed a residency in anesthesia at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Harris established a private practice and worked at Harris Methodist Hospitals and Arlington Memorial Hospital from 1963 to 1975. In 1975, he became the chief of medical services for Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth, a position he held for 13 years until his retirement.

Mrs. Harris, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, worked as a speech therapist in the Dallas Independent School District and later became a real-estate broker in Arlington.

The couple has three grown children. Their eldest son, Dr. Jeffrey R. Harris, received his medical degree from UT Southwestern in 1978. Another son, Gregory, is a construction inspector with the Los Angeles Unified School District and their daughter, Kathryn Yoakum, is a first-grade teacher in Flower Mound.

"Our success in maintaining the excellence of our programs depends upon the ongoing commitment of friends and supporters like Dr. and Mrs. Harris," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "The new fund they have created will be of great assistance in helping the

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Department of Anesthesiology achieve its long-term goals.”

W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, added, “We are especially grateful for the confidence that Dr. and Mrs. Harris have in Southwestern Medical Foundation by establishing a charitable gift annuity with us. Through such a planned gift, the foundation provides an income to the donor for life, while ensuring that the gift will support the donor’s area of interest. As more donors become aware of this gift option, the charitable gift annuity has become a popular way to support UT Southwestern.”

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