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GIFT WILL ENDOW PROFESSORSHIP TO HONOR PHYSICIAN AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — December 21, 1993 — A \$50,000 gift from Dallas philanthropist Irene Wadel will endow a professorship in internal medicine at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Mrs. Wadel's gift will establish The Irene Wadel and Robert Atha Professorship of Internal Medicine, in honor of John W. Burnside, M.D., a widely respected professor and doctor of internal medicine, who also is associate dean of professional education at the institution. "I'm extremely honored that they are acknowledging UT Southwestern," he said. "It is a great honor for me to be the first holder of this professorship. I intend to see that it serves to enhance the learning environment for students and residents."

The gift will be matched to create an endowment of \$100,000.

"We want to contribute to the advancement of medical research and teaching at UT Southwestern and ultimately help conquer some of the horrible illnesses of today," Mrs. Wadel said.

Mrs. Wadel said she especially wished to honor Dr. Burnside with the endowment because of his extraordinary dedication to his patients. "He's not just a distinguished medical doctor, he is a rare human being who listens to his patients and cares for them as a physician in the truest sense of the word," she added.

"Gifts like this not only serve to enhance research and educational programs at UT Southwestern, they also make a contribution to society," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "We are appreciative of these efforts because they affirm our mission of scientific excellence."

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