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STRAUSSES FUND A LIBRARY FOR PATIENTS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — November 12, 1998 — A prominent Dallas couple has donated \$75,000 to establish a patients' library in UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' Center for Breast Care to help dispel the mystery and fear surrounding the disease.

In doing so, Diana and Richard Strauss continue to endorse a longtime interest — women's health issues. In the past the Strausses also have contributed to UT Southwestern in a number of other areas, especially those related to developmental problems and children's health.

“Unfortunately we are all in some way touched by someone who has had breast cancer,” said Diana Strauss, who serves on the board of Zale Lipshy University Hospital. “The absolute fear that I've seen in patients' eyes has affected me deeply, and I know that knowledge can be a powerful tool in overcoming that fear. I hope that this library in the Southwestern Center for Breast Care will be a source of comfort for them.”

The Strausses said they admire Dr. George Peters, executive director of the breast care center, who has always wanted to have a special place where patients could easily find material that would help them better understand breast cancer.

“It is because of the generosity of wonderful people like Diana and Richard Strauss that the Southwestern Center for Breast Care is able to offer the latest in technology and support,” Peters said.

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“Many women will benefit in untold ways by having access right on hand to a wide range of information on breast cancer. It is through knowledge that the mystery of breast cancer and the fear of breast cancer is dispelled.”

In addition to this latest gift, Diana and Richard Strauss previously have endowed the Diana and Richard C. Strauss Professorship in Biomedical Research, the Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Chair in Developmental Biology, the Helen J. and Robert S. Strauss and Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Distinguished Professorship in Women’s Health, and the Helen J. and Robert S. Strauss and Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Surgery.

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