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UT SOUTHWESTERN PURCHASES 50 ACRES FOR CAMPUS GROWTH

DALLAS – November 19, 1999 – UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has purchased 50 acres of land from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to allow for further campus expansion.

The MacArthur Foundation gave UT Southwestern 30 acres of land at Inwood Road and Harry Hines Boulevard for campus expansion in 1987, and the medical center later purchased an additional 10 acres for the North Campus. Since then, the two parties have been negotiating for UT Southwestern's purchase of two adjoining tracts of land, totaling 50 acres, near Inwood and Harry Hines at a cost of \$6.75 million.

One plot of land is north of UT Southwestern's current North Campus and south of Exchange Park Mall, where UT Southwestern leases office space. The second tract is northeast of the first tract and is bounded by Mockingbird Lane, Maple Avenue, Forest Park and Bomar Avenue.

The land will be used for future campus expansion. The first expected project is student housing.

UT Southwestern's South Campus is built on 60 acres of land. This latest acquisition increases the medical center's land by 50 percent.

"This purchase is a crucial step forward for our plans for future expansion and improvement," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "It is an essential element in our progress toward developing comprehensive excellence in all the many areas of medical research and treatment."

Student housing has long been a need at UT Southwestern, which currently has no campus arrangements for its student body. Currently, 809 students are enrolled in Southwestern Medical School, 436 students in Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and 309 students in Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School. UT Southwestern also has 1,111 clinical residents

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and 479 postdoctoral fellows.

“Student housing is an important need for UT Southwestern and students of UT Southwestern,” said Dr. Robert Alpern, dean of Southwestern Medical School. “While we are already among the very top medical schools in the nation, the availability of student housing will make us more attractive to the best students.”

No architectural plans have yet begun for the student housing and no construction date set, but officials say the housing will probably be apartments.

Since the late 1960s, UT Southwestern has added more than 4 million square feet of new construction. Since 1990, UT Southwestern has built the Mary Nell and Ralph B. Rogers Magnetic Resonance Center, the Simmons Biomedical Research Building, the Hamon Biomedical Research Building and the Seay Biomedical Building, all on North Campus land given by the MacArthur Foundation.

The Chicago-based MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent foundation created in 1978 upon the death of John D. MacArthur. The foundation makes grants for charity and public service.

John D. MacArthur developed and owned Bankers Life and Casualty Co., and an array of other businesses as well as extensive real estate in Florida and New York. His wife, Catherine, held positions in many of these companies and served as director of the foundation until her death in 1981.

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