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MURRELL FOUNDATION SUPPORTS GERIATRIC PROGRAMS

DALLAS – Jan. 29, 2003 – The Murrell Foundation has contributed \$80,000 to support various programs in the Southwestern Center on Aging Research and Education at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The funds will be used for physician education and training, to purchase computers and equipment, and to assist with geriatric research projects under the direction of Dr. Craig Rubin, chief of geriatrics and director of the Mildred Wyatt and Ivor P. Wold Center for Geriatric Care.

John R. Murrell, president of the Murrell Foundation, met Rubin several years ago when his mother required medical care.

“Dr. Rubin is a very compassionate doctor who truly cares about his patients and is dedicated to geriatric medicine,” Murrell said. “We believe our gifts will enable geriatric programs to grow and flourish.”

Recently, the Murrell Foundation helped provide a portion of the matching funds needed to secure a two-year grant from the Society of General Internal Medicine, which will allow UT Southwestern to become one of 10 new nationwide centers for collaborating on research and education to improve the care of older adults.

“The Murrell Foundation’s gifts have been extremely valuable in helping support various activities not covered by other financial sources,” said Rubin, holder of the Margaret and Trammell Crow Chair in Alzheimer’s and Geriatrics Research, the Seymour Eisenberg Distinguished Professorship in Geriatric Medicine and the Walsdorf Professorship in Geriatrics Research. “John Murrell has been kind and gracious in his support, allowing our geriatric medicine programs to progress.”

A Dallas native, Murrell is president of Three M Oil Co., a private oil and gas exploration and drilling firm. He is on the board of the SPCA of Texas, a member of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission and recently was named to the President’s Advisory Council of Austin

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College. Murrell also has served on the board of Southern Methodist University Meadows School of the Arts, on the Benevolence Council at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, and as a member of the Dallas Museum of Art and the Smithsonian Institute. The Murrell Foundation was founded by his family in 1990.

“We sincerely appreciate John Murrell and the Murrell Foundation’s generosity and support,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “Thanks to private philanthropists such as him, our doctors have the resources they need to go the extra mile in providing the best in care to their patients.”

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