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DR. GEORGE BUCHANAN NAMED HOLDER OF CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND
DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY AND HEMATOLOGY

DALLAS--The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has named Dr. George R. Buchanan the first holder of the Children's Cancer Fund Distinguished Chair in Pediatric Oncology and Hematology. Buchanan is a professor of pediatrics and director of the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

The Children's Cancer Fund of Dallas Inc., established the chair with \$500,000 in gifts and pledges plus matching funds from an anonymous donor.

This gift will enable Dr. Buchanan to strengthen and broaden the scope of the pediatric-oncology research program at UT Southwestern Children's Medical Center," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of the university. "Our pediatric cancer team is widely regarded as one of the top groups in the world and this new chair will ensure that we can remain at the cutting edge of the cancer research therapy in children."

The Children's Cancer Fund of Dallas Inc. was formed in December 1982 by parents of children being treated for cancer at Children's Medical Center under the care of UT Southwestern physicians. During the past decade, the Children's Cancer Fund has raised nearly \$1 million to support vital research projects in childhood cancer at both institutions.

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"Donations from the Children's Cancer Fund helped establish a fellowship program aimed at training young pediatricians to become Children's blood and cancer specialists," said Buchanan. "Moreover, these monies have supported junior investigators on the faculty and the expansion of data acquisition and analysis in many areas of research."

Buchanan graduated from Drake University in 1966 and completed his medical degree at the University of Chicago School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital and became a fellow in pediatric oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He then joined the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He left Harvard in 1977 to come to UT Southwestern. Today, Buchanan is a nationally recognized pediatric oncologist and serves on numerous academic and scientific boards related to childhood cancer.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.