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****Famed actress Greer Garson Fogelson gives \$1.5 million to support the work of urology chief Dr. Paul Peters

DALLAS--A gift of \$1.5 million has been given by actress Greer Garson Fogleson to the Southwestern Medical Foundation for the purpose of endowing a chair to honor Dr. Paul C. Peters, professor and chairman of the Division of Urology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Peters is being recognized for his role in caring for her late husband, E.E. "Buddy" Fogelson, an independent oilman and lawyer who died December 1, 1987, after a lengthy illness. The decision to honor Peters was made jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Fogelson a short time before his death.

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, says the university will ask the UT System Board of Regents to establish the endowed chair at their June meeting. "We will also request that Dr. Peters, one of the leading urologists in the world, be appointed as the initial holder of the chair."

The gift will be administered through the Southwestern Medical Foundation, where Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president emeritus of UT Southwestern, serves as foundation president.

Funds will be used primarily to support the research projects under investigation by members of the urology division, Peters says. Among the division's projects are studies in kidney transplantation, prostate and kidney cancer, adrenal transplants for Parkinson's disease and the physiology of smooth muscle.

Peters is recognized internationally for his leadership in urological surgery and currently serves as president-elect of the American Urological Association. In 1964, he headed the team who performed the first kidney transplant in Texas. His first transplant patient recently returned to the institution to honor Peters at a ceremony marking the 1,000th kidney transplant at Parkland Memorial Hospital, where Peters is chief of urology.

Says Peters, "Mrs. Fogelson is a gracious lady and we are very grateful for this generous gift. She was the number one actress in Hollywood for over a decade and she has a great understanding of human nature."

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