

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY ENDOWMENT HONORS YOUNG WOMAN'S LIFEWORk

DALLAS — September 2, 1997 — Beverly and Bob Blumenthal are celebrating the life and dreams of their daughter, Pam, by directing that funds donated in her memory by friends, colleagues and family be used to establish the Pam Blumenthal Distinguished Professorship in Clinical Psychology.

The \$130,000 gift, which has been matched by other donors, is being made by transferring the Pamela Blumenthal Children's Mental Health Fund, administered by the Communities Foundation of Texas, to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"What better way could we continue to fulfill Pam's dedication to her profession than by establishing this endowment? It is our hope that this professorship will provide a permanent benefit for the many troubled children and teens out there," said Beverly Blumenthal.

In 1990 Pam Blumenthal's life was cut short at the age of 34. She had graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UT Austin and, by the age of 26, had earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from UT Southwestern. She moved to Terrell, where she worked with teens at Terrell State Hospital. She also opened a community clinic in Terrell for those without financial resources.

In 1987 she returned to Dallas to open a private practice for troubled children and teens. She also volunteered with several mental-health groups and was an active member of the Dallas Psychological Association, of which she was president.

In her memory, Pam's parents started the Pamela Blumenthal Children's Mental Health Fund in 1991 with donations from her friends, colleagues and family. The Fund has

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grown beyond expectation, thanks to the continued support of those who believed in Pam and her desire to make the world a better place for troubled children and adolescents, said Beverly Blumenthal. The monies collected have benefited a day-care center for homeless children and a violence prevention program for junior high school students.

"Pam Blumenthal was an exemplary student in clinical psychology and an outstanding alumna of UT Southwestern. We are very proud of this young woman, who chose to use her education to help troubled youth from all walks of life. The Pam Blumenthal Distinguished Professorship in Clinical Psychology is a fitting tribute to her life and professional accomplishments," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "We are grateful to Beverly and Bob Blumenthal for their faith in UT Southwestern and the school's clinical psychology program."

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