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## REAL ESTATE GROUP'S DONATION BENEFITS CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH

DALLAS – December 22, 1999 – A prominent advocate of women's health issues – Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) – recently donated \$25,000 to support a study of heart disease risk factors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The Dallas-based organization of commercial real estate professionals raised the funds through its CREW Classic Golf Tournament, an annual event that benefits local women's and girls' causes.

"Our members feel that women's heart disease is a vitally important, but sometimes undersupported, area of research," said Sharon Herrin, president of CREW and a real-estate agent at WindStar Properties. "We are excited to be able to do something to raise community awareness about this issue, and want to do what we can to help jump-start new and better ways to prevent and treat the leading cause of death in American women."

Dr. Nina Radford, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern and director of the hypertension clinic at Parkland Memorial Hospital, will lead the research efforts.

"Our goal is to find better ways to prevent and treat heart disease in women by uncovering the cardiovascular risk factors unique to female patients," said Radford. "We are enormously grateful for CREW's gift, which will help accelerate our research efforts and, we hope, enable continued progress in treating this 'equal-opportunity killer'."

UT Southwestern also benefited from previous CREW fund-raising efforts. In 1994 the 265-

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member organization gave \$20,000 to support radiology programs; and in 1998, it gave \$25,000 to benefit the Center for Breast Care.

"For more than a decade, CREW has been one of Dallas' most devoted supporters of women's health issues," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "We are extremely grateful to be included in their generous and important fund-raising efforts."

This year's CREW Classic also benefited the Dallas Women's Foundation and the Dallas County affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The event has raised more than \$1.1 million in its 14-year history.

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