

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## **MARKEY TRUST MAKES \$2 MILLION GIFT TO UT SOUTHWESTERN, OTHER LEADING MEDICAL CENTERS**

DALLAS — May 1, 1996 — UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is one of 10 nationally recognized medical centers to receive a \$2 million endowment from the Lucille P. Markey Charitable Trust.

Income from the newly established Lucille P. Markey Basic Medical Research Fund will be used to provide support for promising young biomedical scientists at UT Southwestern. It may be used for graduate students in Ph.D. programs, M.D. or Ph.D. postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty members. Previous gifts from the Markey Trust helped fund the early basic medical research of UT Southwestern Nobel laureates Dr. Michael Brown, Dr. Joseph Goldstein and Dr. Alfred Gilman.

"American medical research owes much of its success to the willingness of organizations like the Markey Trust, which generously supports young investigators," said UT Southwestern president Dr. Kern Wildenthal.

"It is significant to note the Markey Trust began supporting Drs. Brown, Goldstein and Gilman before they became Nobel laureates. The Markey trustees understand the importance of funding young investigators," he said. "We are grateful for their help in fulfilling a critical need at UT Southwestern and other medical institutions."

Goldstein, co-winner of the 1985 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine, added, "This is a wonderful gift from the Markey Trust. It's especially wonderful because it focuses on young scientists who show great promise and potential at the beginning of their scientific careers. This is the sort of difficult-to-obtain support that can make a real difference for the creative young scientist who has a good idea." Goldstein is chairman of molecular genetics and holder of the Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Science and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine.

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"The Markey Trust is a shining example of farsighted management in medical philanthropy," said Brown, co-winner with Goldstein of the 1985 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine. "Their intelligent use of funds will produce great rewards in the years to come. UT Southwestern has been a major recipient of these funds and for this we are very grateful. The new grant will allow us to nurture the development of young biomedical scientists in their most promising yet vulnerable years." Brown is director of the Erik Jonsson Center for Research in Molecular Genetics and Human Disease and holds the W.A. (Monty) Moncrief Distinguished Chair in Cholesterol and Arteriosclerosis Research and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine.

Other institutions receiving \$2 million awards are Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Rockefeller University, Stanford University, University of California-San Francisco, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, Washington University and Yale University.

The trust announced 12 additional \$500,000 grants totaling \$6 million in recognition of outstanding progress by Markey-supported investigators addressing important problems in biomedical science.

The Markey Trust was established in 1983 by the will of the late Lucille P. Markey, owner of Calumet Farm, who died in 1982. Since its inception, the trust has awarded more than \$500 million for the support of basic medical research.

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