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****University Hospital receives
American Airlines grant

DALLAS -- A \$250,000 grant from the AMR/American Airlines Foundation will help fund completion of Zale-Lisphy University Hospital at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, hospital President Ronald Garvey, M.D., announced today.

The gift will be used to equip the public waiting lounge of University Hospital's sixth floor. The 160-bed private teaching and referral hospital staffed by UT Southwestern is scheduled to open in late 1989.

"This support from the AMR/American Airlines Foundation will help University Hospital create a genuinely hospitable setting that welcomes patients and their families whether they come from our local community or from around the world," Dr. Garvey said.

In awarding the grant, Robert L. Crandall, chairman, president and CEO of AMR and American Airlines, predicted increased recognition of the Metroplex as a major medical hub.

"The quality of health care available in Dallas/Fort Worth will be enhanced by this state-of-the-art teaching and research facility," Crandall said. "University Hospital will attract even more top medical professionals and will create an environment that will foster new growth for our community."

Construction of the nine-floor University Hospital is running ahead of schedule and within budget, Garvey reported. The 277,000-square-foot building is located at 5151 Harry Hines Boulevard just east of Parkland Memorial Hospital adjacent to the UT Southwestern campus.

The facility is being built largely through private donations. Cost of equipping the specialized facility is projected at \$20 million. AMR/American Airlines Foundation will contribute \$50,000 annually over a five-year period, according to Crandall.

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UT Southwestern President Kern Wildenthal, M.D., Ph.D., said American Airlines' support exemplifies the public-private partnership responsible for much of the medical center's rapid growth.

"The opening of University Hospital significantly expands medical horizons for all of Dallas as well as UT Southwestern," Dr. Wildenthal said. "Our city will have the people, technology, research and resources necessary to be the leaders in 21st-century medicine."

Announcement of the AMR/American Airlines pledge comes just as the hospital concludes its private donor campaign led by John G. Penson and Ruth S. Altshuler. The corporate campaign will kick off later this month led by Joseph R. Musolino, vice chairman of the board of NCNB Texas, with Ronald Steinhart, chairman and CEO of Deposit Guaranty Bank, and Lawrence Wilson, chairman and CEO of HCB Contractors as division chairmen.

University Medical Center, Inc., an independent non-profit corporation, manages the hospital in a consortium with UT Southwestern and the Dallas County Hospital District. The hospital has been named in honor of the Zale and Lipshy families, whose contributions have been pivotal to its founding.

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