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HAWN FOUNDATION GIFT TO ADVANCE MEDICAL RESEARCH, MACULAR DEGENERATION STUDIES

DALLAS – April 18, 2002 – The Hawn Foundation of Dallas has donated \$100,000 through the Southwestern Medical Foundation to be used for research at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The gift is in two parts, with \$75,000 to be used for unrestricted medical research and \$25,000 for ongoing studies into Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD).

“We are extremely grateful to the Hawn Foundation for its continued support of UT Southwestern’s research programs, including our studies on degenerative eye diseases,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern.

Dr. James McCulley, chairman of ophthalmology, will oversee the foundation’s gift for AMD research. AMD, a form of vision loss associated with aging, affects nearly 30 million individuals around the world and at least six million in the United States. The disease is expected to claim three times as many victims during the next 25 years.

“Dr. McCulley has taken care of several members of the Hawn family in the past. Our board wanted a portion of our gift to honor him and support his department’s research,” said Joe V. Hawn Jr., president of the Hawn Foundation. “The remainder of the funds are undesignated, and we will rely on UT Southwestern to allocate it for good uses.”

W. Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, said, “The Hawn Foundation is a strong supporter of UT Southwestern, having given nearly \$1 million through Southwestern Medical Foundation during the past 15 years, and we are very appreciative of their loyal assistance.”

The Hawn Foundation was established in 1962 by the late William Russell (W.R.) Hawn and his wife Mildred Hawn. W.R. Hawn, founder and president of the foundation until his death in 1995, was a successful real estate developer in Texas, Georgia and California, as well as a generous philanthropist.

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