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DALLAS COUPLE COMMITS \$11 MILLION TO UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS--Charles E. and Sarah M. Seay of Dallas have pledged \$10 million to the Fund for Molecular Research at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, in addition to an earlier gift of \$1 million.

The latest gift of the Dallas investor and his wife is in the form of a challenge grant that will complete the \$150 million Fund for Molecular Research when the \$140 million mark is reached.

"We wanted to do something major to help UT Southwestern," Seay said. "We decided to make it a challenge gift to inspire others in the community to help support the important biomedical research efforts there."

The Seay gift will be used to help build the third of six research towers on UT Southwestern's new North Campus at Inwood Road and Harry Hines Boulevard, the last to be built in this century. With The University of Texas Board of Regents' approval, the 10-story building will be called the Seay Biomedical Research Building.

Over \$113 million has been pledged to the campaign so far, in addition to the Seays' \$10 million challenge gift. Like other gifts pledged this year and paid by Dec. 31, 1997, the Seay donation will be matched by additional challenge funds from the campaign for molecular research.

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The challenge grant brings Mr. and Mrs. Seay's total contribution to the campaign to \$11 million. Their recent gifts totaling \$1 million endowed a distinguished chair in pediatric medicine, a chair in pediatric infectious diseases and a chair in pediatric research at UT Southwestern.

Mr. and Mrs. Seay previously endowed two chairs in child psychiatry at UT Southwestern.

With four children, four grandchildren and a greatgrandchild of their own, the Seays' philanthropic generosity springs from a deep concern for the welfare of all youngsters.

Their dedication to better medical care for children developed after their son, Robert, had hand surgery at the age of six at the Richmond Freeman Memorial Clinic, one of the medical facilities that joined to form Children's Medical Center of Dallas in 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Seay later became trustees of Children's Medical Center, UT Southwestern's pediatric teaching hospital. They continue to serve on the board.

The couple's magnanimous ongoing support for medical care and research at UT Southwestern expresses their gratitude to a university and a community.

After graduating from The University of Texas at Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Seay were married in 1937. Seay remembers his first job was selling life insurance on commission during the Great Depression. After serving in the Army Air Forces during World War II, he returned to Dallas and resumed selling life insurance until 1949, when he formed his own business specializing in life insurance common stocks.

"Sadie and I met at The University of Texas, and we feel we owe much in our personal lives and our business success to The University of Texas System," Seay

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said. "We thought how nice it would be to give something substantial back through these gifts."

Admiration for UT Southwestern President Dr. Kern Wildenthal and his wife, Marnie, also inspired Mr. and Mrs. Seay to make their contributions. "They are splendid, dedicated people," Seay said. "Kern has done an outstanding job of leading this institution to international prominence, and we are confident he will continue to press UT Southwestern forward through the medical frontiers of tomorrow."

Wildenthal responded: "Charles and Sadie Seay's gifts in support of pediatric medicine and their contribution to a new research building on our North Campus are shining examples of the tremendous groundswell of community support our research efforts at UT Southwestern have received and continue to receive. The support of people like them will ensure UT Southwestern's continued excellence in research that will change the medicine of the future, not just in Dallas or Texas, but everywhere."

UT Southwestern's Fund for Molecular Research was officially launched in October 1992 with contributions totaling over \$100 million.

The campaign's goals are \$26 million for molecular genetics research, \$39 million for cancer research, \$36 million for neuroscience, \$19 million for developmental biology and \$30 million for buildings and equipment.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.