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Sid W. Richardson Foundation pledges \$265,000 to support a new pain management program at UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Center

FORT WORTH – Oct. 6, 2004 – The Sid W. Richardson Foundation has pledged \$265,000 to establish a clinic to provide pain management services at UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Center.

The Richardson Foundation, one of Texas' leading philanthropies, has since 1992 been a key supporter of the Eugene McDermott Center for Pain Management and its research and treatment programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The new program in Fort Worth will be built on previous work supported by the foundation, said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president.

The Richardson Foundation program at the Moncrief Center will focus on pain management for cancer patients undergoing treatment as well as those who still need attention after completing therapy.

“This initiative will allow Fort Worth cancer patients and physicians to draw on the resources of UT Southwestern’s pain management program and will also permit the development of innovative treatment protocols and clinical research,” Dr. Wildenthal said. “Patients at the Moncrief Center will now have access to state-of-the-art therapies and will also be eligible to enter clinical trials of the latest new pain management technologies.”

Dr. Wildenthal, who praised the foundation for its long-standing and generous support, said, “With gifts such as this to strengthen and expand our clinical programs, the Moncrief Cancer Center can enhance its reputation as one of the premier cancer centers in the country.”

Valleau Wilkie Jr., executive vice president of the foundation, cited the foundation’s long interest in helping people cope with the pain that often accompanies injury and illness as an impetus for making the grant. “We are very pleased to see this collaborative program come together at Moncrief,” he said.

William Craig, executive director of Moncrief, said, “The establishment of the pain center for cancer patients will be a great addition to the care we provide. It further enhances the role Moncrief plays in our community as a leader in the treatment of cancer.”

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Sid W. Richardson, born in 1891 in Athens, Texas, was a rancher and cattleman who made a fortune in oil in the 1920s. Like many pioneering oilmen, the lifelong bachelor suffered through lean times but rebounded in the 1930s in large part through oil ventures in West Texas. Mr. Richardson died in 1959 and the foundation he established, which began making major grants to Texas organizations in 1965, has distributed nearly \$300 million primarily to the arts, human services, education and health care.

Moncrief Cancer Center was founded in 1958 as one of the nation's first community radiation facilities. After UT Southwestern was asked to assume responsibility for its management in 2000, it broadened the scope of its services and increased the sites at which it serves patients. The center is named after early-day benefactors W.A. "Monty" and Elizabeth B. Moncrief. Mr. Moncrief and Mr. Richardson were not only contemporaries but friends who became legendary figures in the Texas oil industry.

Besides its flagship facility at 1450 Eighth Ave. in Fort Worth, UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Center has diagnostic and treatment centers in southwest Fort Worth (site of its PET-CT center), south Tarrant County and Weatherford.

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