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Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation gives \$250,000 to support medical research at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – Oct. 4, 2005 – The Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation of Dallas has given \$250,000 to support research at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, which will be matched to create a chair, was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation as part of the medical center's \$500 million *Innovations in Medicine* campaign.

“We have always had a great deal of love and respect for UT Southwestern, and we have tremendous faith in the caliber of research that is being conducted there,” said Charles M. Cooper, secretary of the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation. “Supporting medical science and health care is our No. 1 priority, and we know that the medical center – which we regard as one of Dallas’ greatest assets – shares our commitment.”

The Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation was established in 1980 by Gaston Episcopal Hospital. The hospital, which was founded in 1921 by Dr. E.O. Rushing, became a nonprofit charitable organization in 1939 and was given to the Episcopal Church in 1961. In 1988 Gaston merged with Baylor Health Care System, which allowed Gaston supporters to continue the charitable mission of the hospital. The foundation actively supports Texas health care, medical science and research.

In 1994 the foundation, which has a long history of giving to UT Southwestern, established the Earl A. Forsythe Chair in Biomedical Science at the medical center. The foundation also has given numerous gifts to support programs at Zale Lipshy University Hospital, now part of UT Southwestern Medical Center, including the hospital's construction in 1990. In 1997 the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation donated funds to support the Crystal Charity Ball Center for Research in Pediatric Critical Care at UT Southwestern.

“This is a wonderful and important gift from an organization that is ardently dedicated to research and clinical care,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “This generous contribution will enhance our ability to pursue important research, and we are honored

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that the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation has always been dedicated to the advancement of clinical care and research.”

Paul M. Bass, chairman of the board of Southwestern Medical Foundation, said, “The Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation has been a loyal supporter of UT Southwestern for decades, and we are, once again, proud and grateful to be the recipient of its generosity. We share a common goal – to improve health care in Dallas – and this gift is particularly meaningful on many different levels.”

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