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STOFFEL FOUNDATION GIVES \$1 MILLION TO ADVANCE CARDIAC RESEARCH AND PATIENT CARE AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Nov. 20, 2003 – The Gayle and Paul Stoffel Foundation has established a \$1 million endowment for a distinguished chair at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to fight heart disease, the No. 1 killer of American adults.

Their donation, given through Southwestern Medical Foundation for Southwestern's *Innovations in Medicine* campaign for clinical advances and medical research, will establish the Gayle and Paul Stoffel Distinguished Chair in Cardiology.

"We have always been admirers of the marvelous research being done at UT Southwestern, and feel that the medical center is one of our community's strongest assets," said Mr. Stoffel, who serves on the Southwestern Medical Foundation board as well as the boards and finance committees of both Zale Lipshy and St. Paul University Hospitals. "Gayle and I gave this gift a lot of thought and decided we wanted to support a cause of great importance to Americans. We are excited about what is happening at the medical center – both in the labs and in the clinics – and are very pleased to be able to help advance the prevention and treatment of heart disease."

The Stoffels, who established their foundation in 1997, are both active participants in numerous Dallas-area businesses and civic organizations.

Mr. Stoffel, who holds a master's in business administration from Harvard Business School, is chairman of the investment firm Triple S Capital Corp., a company specializing in public and private equity investments. He also serves as a director of Centex Corp., Holly Corp., the Dallas Symphony Association, the Dallas Symphony Foundation, and St. Michael and All Angels Foundation. He is a member of the investment committee at St. Mark's School of Texas.

Mrs. Stoffel, who is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, serves on the board of the Dallas Museum of Art and on the museum's executive, art acquisition and development committees. She is a member of the Crystal Charity Ball, which has raised funds to support pediatric programs at UT Southwestern. She is also a founding member of the Sweetheart Ball

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Committee, a longtime supporter of heart-disease research at UT Southwestern.

“Paul and Gayle Stoffel are true philanthropists in every sense of the word,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “Their generosity is not only an expression of their personal confidence in our institution, but also a powerful symbol to others of the significance of private philanthropy in furthering the public good. We are extremely grateful for their help, advice and friendship.”

Plack Carr Jr., president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, said, “The Stoffels are wonderful people who are steadfastly committed to Dallas and all who live here. Their leadership and support is appreciated beyond words. With people like Paul and Gayle, we can help UT Southwestern maintain and expand its pre-eminence in research, education and patient care.”

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