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DALLAS NATIVE HELEN BADER BEQUEATHS \$1.3 MILLION TO SUPPORT ARTHRITIS RESEARCH AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Dec. 19, 2000 – Dallas native Helen Dupies Bader has bequeathed \$1.3 million to UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to support research and treatment of arthritis, a disease she suffered from for more than a decade. The gift, which was distributed through the Helen Dupies Bader Charitable Remainder Unitrust, will aid programs at UT Southwestern's Harold C. Simmons Arthritis Research Center.

The Simmons Center was established in 1983 with a gift from the Harold C. Simmons Foundation as a comprehensive research and treatment center dealing exclusively with arthritis and associated diseases. Since its founding, the center has produced more than 460 scientific publications in the fields of rheumatology and immunology and is recognized worldwide as one of the leading research centers of its kind.

"A gift of this magnitude will have an impressive impact on the future of arthritis research and treatment at the center," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. "Mrs. Bader's long-term commitment to improving Dallas medical care and her far-reaching generosity will be remembered for decades to come. We are extremely fortunate that she had such confidence in the work being done here."

Bader, who died in August, was a 1934 graduate of Southern Methodist University where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was involved in numerous charitable endeavors, most notably her 17 years of volunteer service to the Easter Seal Society and her volunteer service at Parkland Health & Hospital Systems. Bader and her late husband, Walter, also were longtime members of Highland Park United Methodist Church. Bader is survived by her sister, Mary Virginia Dupies of Dallas.

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