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**Bequest from Thomas M. Hunt will support
research, clinical care at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – April 13, 2011 – A bequest from Dallas oilman Thomas M. Hunt has provided \$664,000 to foster clinical care and research programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The unrestricted donation, which was given to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will establish the Thomas M. Hunt Fund.

Mr. Hunt, former president and chairman of Hunt Petroleum Corp., died in 2008 at age 85.

“Tom was a very family-oriented man, and he was sensitive to the medical problems that affected those he loved,” said Mr. Hunt’s cousin, businessman Herbert Hunt. “He thought highly of UT Southwestern and was dedicated to his community. I know he was happy to be able to support the medical center and, in doing so, hoped to enhance research into diseases that have touched our family and virtually every other family in America.”

Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, president of UT Southwestern, said, “Mr. Hunt’s incredible generosity and foresight will make countless projects possible at the medical center. He was well-respected for his devotion to his community, and we are proud to be a part of the vision he had for a better Dallas.”

The nephew of legendary oilman H.L. Hunt, Thomas M. Hunt began his career as a 16-year-old roustabout, carrying 100-pound bags of cement on a drilling rig. He studied chemical engineering at the University of Arkansas, until his studies were interrupted by World War II. From 1942 to 1945 he served in the U.S. Air Force, where he became the commander of the 380th Bomb Group, which flew B-24 heavy bombers.

After his military service ended, he returned to the oil fields of central Louisiana, where the Hunt family companies still have lease holdings. Mr. Hunt became the first president of Hunt Petroleum Corp., a position he held from 1955 until 1990, when he was elected chairman of the board.

During his career in the oil business, Mr. Hunt served on a number of corporate boards

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including Arch Mineral Corp., Penn Central Corp., American Financial Group, and the 25-Year Club of the Petroleum Industry. He was active outside the oil industry as well and was a dedicated supporter of the Texas medical community.

“The Hunt family includes a host of members who have been great friends of UT Southwestern for decades, and Tom was always one of our most loyal supporters,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation. “Tom was a true champion of education and medicine, and we’re sincerely grateful and honored for his confidence in our institution and the legacy he has left for future generations.”

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