

## UT SOUTHWESTERN PHYSICIAN HONORED WITH PROFESSORSHIP IN PEDIATRIC SURGERY

DALLAS—July 15, 1993—A \$50,000 gift will be used to establish the Edwin Ide Smith, M.D., Professorship in Pediatric Surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The gift was made by Smith's daughters, son and their spouses, Robert B. and Sarah S. Crotty of Dallas, Charles C. and Diana M. Smith of St. Joseph, Mo., and Pete and Susie Thurmond of Cheyenne, Okla. The family's gift will be matched through UT Southwestern's Fund for Molecular Research to complete the funding for the \$100,000 professorship.

Smith is a professor of surgery at UT Southwestern and was chairman of pediatric surgery from 1989 to 1992. Before coming to Dallas, he was chairman of pediatric surgery at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for 21 years.

"We're all very supportive of the medical field because my family has an extensive history in medicine," Susie Thurmond said. "Both of my grandfathers were physicians, both of my grandmothers were in the health-care profession and my sister, Sarah, and I are also nurses."

Respect for the medical field is a common bond between Ide Smith and his family. "I was quite surprised by and am deeply appreciative of what my children and their spouses are doing," Smith said. "I feel that gifts like this are quite important to the vitality and health of any specialty's future."

Establishment of the professorship is a way to show the family's affection for Smith, Robert Crotty said. "We wanted to honor him and recognize his contribution to medicine."

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.

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