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**Dallas pediatric otolaryngology group donates \$160,000
to create professorship, two lectureships at UT Southwestern**

DALLAS – May 19, 2011 – A group of dedicated pediatric otolaryngologists has given \$160,000 to foster education and research in their field at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift from the Children’s Medical Center of Dallas Otolaryngology Trust, which was made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, will establish the Clinical Otolaryngology Faculty Professorship in Pediatric Otolaryngology, the Clinical Otolaryngology Faculty Lectureship in Pediatric Otolaryngology and the Clinical Otolaryngology Resident Lectureship in Pediatric Otolaryngology.

“This gift from clinicians in support of patient care, research and medical education will have an enduring impact as it helps young patients and the health care professionals who treat them,” said Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, president of UT Southwestern.

The trust was created in 1969 by Dr. Marvin “Cub” Culbertson Jr., a pioneer in the medical specialty and one of the first pediatric otolaryngologists in Texas. Dr. Culbertson, a longtime UT Southwestern faculty member, established the fund with several colleagues to offset educational and clinical expenses of medical residents and fellow faculty members.

“The fund was created to encourage and support residents and our fellow pediatricians as they care for patients, and we hope this contribution to the medical center will help carry on that tradition,” said Dr. Culbertson, who retired from private practice in 1998. “We believe that the well-being of patients is primary, and we are so pleased to do what we can to strengthen the training and education of the doctors who will continue that care. This gift means a great deal to me personally, as I believe it does to the many fine physicians who have contributed their time to teaching and pediatric patient care over the years.”

Contributors to the fund include Drs. Evan Bates, Jerry Copeland, William Crutcher, Daniel Dansby, Sam Huggins, Lav Kapadia, Tom Lunsford, Trevor Mabery, Robert Peters, Don Shannon, Frank Theilen, Gene Thomas, Neil Williams and Bernard Yollick.

The fund founders also give great credit to Dr. Henry M. “Pete” Carder, former director of otolaryngology at Children’s Medical Center, for his “efficient service of patient care” during the formative years of the department.

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Through the years, several significant gifts to Children's have been made through the fund.

“Cub is a real inspiration to physicians, students and patients throughout Texas, and this gift is a wonderful testament to his life's head and neck surgery mission,” said Dr. Peter Roland, chairman of otolaryngology at UT Southwestern and holder of the new Clinical Otolaryngology Faculty Professorship in Pediatric Otolaryngology. “This support from the trustees of the fund goes straight to the heart of what we do, and will do a tremendous amount to enhance our department's educational and research programs.”

Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of Southwestern Medical Foundation, said, “We sincerely appreciate this wonderful support of UT Southwestern's pediatric otolaryngology programs. This gift will most certainly advance the excellence in the medical care of children and in the training of pediatricians for generations to come.”

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