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\$1.25 MILLION HOBLITZELLE GIFT TO FUND NEUROSCIENCE LABORATORY

DALLAS--The Hoblitzelle Foundation has pledged \$1.25 million to Southwestern Medical Foundation's Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle Fund. The gift will be directed to UT Southwestern's Fund for Molecular Research to establish and equip a neuroscience laboratory on the university's new North Campus.

The Hoblitzelle gift will be matched by challenge funds and will equip a central laboratory that will serve multiple research groups in the neuroscience center.

"In our discussions with the leadership of the medical school, we identified a need in the overall campaign that could be met by resources available from the foundation," said Paul W. Harris, executive vice president of the Hoblitzelle Foundation. "The fact that Southwestern Medical Foundation has made a commitment to help establish a center of excellence in neuroscience at UT Southwestern made this gift through the Foundation's Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle Fund even more appropriate.

"We hope this will encourage others to use Southwestern Medical Foundation to administer their support of UT Southwestern."

Karl Hoblitzelle was instrumental in founding Southwestern Medical Foundation. The late president of Interstate Amusement Co., whose flagship was the historic Majestic Theatre in downtown Dallas, also donated the land for the first Southwestern Medical School buildings constructed adjacent to Parkland Hospital. The Karl

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Hoblitzelle Clinical Science Building on UT Southwestern's main campus is named in his honor.

"Mr. Hoblitzelle himself, and later the Hoblitzelle Foundation, supported Southwestern Medical School ever since it began in 1943," Harris said.

Karl and Esther Hoblitzelle established the Hoblitzelle Foundation in 1942 to support science and education in Texas. Their foundation has given a total of more than \$8 million to UT Southwestern, including participation in endowing through Southwestern Medical Foundation the George L. MacGregor Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Science, held by Dr. Samuel M. McCann, professor of physiology.

In 1988 the Hoblitzelle Foundation underwrote the \$240,000 site development plan for UT Southwestern's new North Campus, where the neuroscience laboratory, equipped by its latest gift, will be located.

"The Hoblitzelle Foundation has always been a leading force in helping UT Southwestern in its major endeavors," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, UT Southwestern president. "This latest example of the foundation's dedication to our institution is tremendously appreciated by all of us.

"This generous contribution is of vital importance to the success of UT Southwestern in the next phase of our evolution as America's premier academic medical center."

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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.