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Southwestern Medical Foundation is giving \$7.5 million to UT Southwestern Medical Center as part of the foundation's 75th anniversary.

"Since the founding of Southwestern Medical College in 1943, Southwestern Medical Foundation and this community have supported and helped to build the highest-quality and most compassionate care possible for the citizens of the southwestern United States," said Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings.

Rawlings and Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Donnell Jr. are honorary chairs of the foundation's 75th anniversary steering committee. William T. Solomon is the chair.

"We celebrate the impact made by our founders and the vast contributions made by our generous community," said Robert B. Rowling, chairman of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

UT Southwestern is known for its research into heart disease, nutrition, cholesterol, diabetes, cancer, stroke and brain disease.

"The emergence of UT Southwestern as one of the nation's leading biomedical centers today is a testament to the vision of the founders and the leaders who came after them and their commitment to helping the community understand the need," Solomon said.

In 1939, visionary philanthropists Dr. Edward Cary and Karl Hoblitzelle led a community group in forming Southwestern Medical Foundation. In 1943 - despite the many challenges created by World War II - the Foundation formed Southwestern Medical College, which was housed for the next 12 years in temporary, un-air-conditioned plywood barracks.

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In 1949, the college was given to the state of Texas, and during the second half of the 20th century, the community stepped up to help the Foundation fund dramatic breakthroughs and attract exceptional talent to UT Southwestern. Its distinguished faculty includes six Nobel Laureates.

Today, the foundation has more than \$800 million in assets. One of the purposes of its latest gift is to strengthen the hospital system's standing as a worldwide leader in peuroscience.

Kathleen Gibson, the foundation's president said the gift is "just one small part of a 75-year legacy which has been the lasting gift of Southwestern Medical Foundation."

Photos by Dave Gresham

- RIGHT -Don Zale Honorary Trustee Southwestern Medical Foundation and Barbara Zale





Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky – President UT Southwestern and member 75th Anniversary Steering Committee, Kathleen Gibson – President Southwestern Medical Foundation, Bill Solomon - Chairman 75th Anniversary Steering Committee, Bob Rowling – Chairman Southwestern Medical Foundation presenting a \$7.5 million gift on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Foundation



Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky – President UT Southwestern and member 75th Anniversary Steering Committee and Dr. Carol Podolsky



Ross and Margot Perot



Robert Rowling - Chairman of Southwestern Medical Foundation, Ruth Altshuler - Honorary Trustee Southwestern Medical Foundation and member 75th Anniversary Steering Committee, Kathleen Gibson - President of Southwestern Medical Foundation, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings - Honorary Co-Chair 75th Anniversary Steering Committee, and Bill Solomon - Chairman 75th Anniversary Steering Committee



Kathleen Gibson - President of Southwestern Medical Foundation and Margaret McDermott - member 75th Anniversary Steering Committee and Honorary Trustee



Lyda Hill – member 75th Anniversary Steering Committee and Honorary Trustee Southwestern Medical Foundation

- LEFT -Jennifer Eagle - Trustee Southwestern Medical Foundation and John Eagle



Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison – Trustee Southwestern Medical Foundation, Alice Brown and Michael Brown, M.D. – 1985 Nobel Prize winner



Dr. Robert Haley (center) – Professor of internal medicine UT Southwestern and members of the 75th graduating class of UT Southwestern (class of 2018)



Nancy Halbreich - Trustee Southwestern Medical Foundation and member 75th Anniversary Steering Committee, Jeremy Halbreich and Louise Eiseman