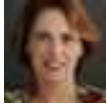




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Hoblitzelle Foundation to be lauded for its \$213 million in charity donations

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The **Hoblitzelle Foundation**, which has donated over \$213 million to charity since 1942, will receive the Sprague Award from **Southwestern Medical Foundation** at a private fundraising dinner Feb. 7 at **Old Parkland**.

The Charles Cameron Sprague Community Service Award is the foundation's highest honor for those who have contributed to medical education, research and patient care. Last presented in 2013, the prize has been on hiatus while the foundation and **UT Southwestern Medical Center** commemorated their respective 75th anniversaries.

Karl Hoblitzelle made his fortune as a builder of vaudeville theaters in the South, including the 1920 **Majestic Theatre**, and as a cinema operator. Based in Dallas, he served on many local and state boards and commissions and funded educational radio programming in rural areas of Texas. In 1939, Hoblitzelle and Dr. Edward H. Cary co-founded Southwestern Medical Foundation, which established the medical school four years later.

Hoblitzelle Foundation has given nearly \$30 million to the UT Southwestern Medical Center over the years — plus the land on which it now stands. The charity, which Hoblitzelle gave unrestricted direction to fund programs and projects of "great promise," also supports dozens of nonprofit educational institutions, arts groups, parks, and service charities that are nearly all in Dallas.

"Hoblitzelle Foundation has a long, storied history of giving to the community where it's most needed and encouraging other donors to follow its lead," Southwestern Medical Foundation chairman **Robert B. Rowlings** said. "Its contributions to the advancement of medicine and science are a continuation of the proud legacy of the late Karl Hoblitzelle, one of the legendary founders of Southwestern Medical Foundation."

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