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The 2005 Charles Cameron Sprague Community Service Award Recipients

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The Charles Cameron Sprague Community Service Award is presented to those who have provided extraordinary support in enhancing patient care, medical education and medical research. This year, Southwestern Medical Foundation is pleased to announce that two extraordinary couples have received the award.

Sydney and J. L. Huffines along with Laura and Jack Roach, were honored with the 2005 Charles Cameron Sprague Community Service Award in recognition of their ongoing efforts to enhance healthcare in North Texas.

They are in good company. Prior award recipients include Ruth Collins Altshuler, James W. Aston, Paul M. Bass, Julia T. and Louis A. Beecherl Jr., H. R. (Bum) Bright, Nancy Brinker, Rita Crocker Clements and Gov. William P. Clements Jr., Joe M. Dealey, Jerry Farrington, Earl A. Forsythe, F. B. Pete Goldman, Cecil H. Green, Nancy B. Hamon, Jess Hay, Adelyn and Edmund Hoffman, J. Erik Jonsson, George L. MacGregor, Margaret M. McDermott, Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr., Margot and Ross Perot, Caren and C. Vincent Prothro, Ralph B. Rogers, Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay, Annette and Harold C. Simmons, Jean Smith and Dr. Bob Smith, Gay Ferguson Solomon and William T. Solomon, Dr. Charles C. Sprague, Jean and Tom Walter, and Donald Zale.

The Foundation is pleased to introduce this year's award recipients as they share their reasons for providing philanthropic support.

Sydney and J. L. Huffines



Technology and time change the face
of business but not the basics:
working hard and caring for others

J. L. Huffines spent his childhood trailing his father through the legendary automobile dealerships he built in rural Dallas. It was then that he fell in love with cars, entrepreneurship and people: affinities that have made him one of the most successful businessmen — and one of the most celebrated philanthropists — in Texas.

Mr. Huffines, president of Huffines Auto Group, credits his father with teaching him the impassioned work ethic that has been the driving force behind his formidable accomplishments. But it is his desire to help where help is needed that has driven him and his wife, Sydney, to generously support the organizations that have touched their lives.

The Huffineses, who own six automobile dealerships in the Dallas area, endowed the J. L. and Sydney Huffines Fund at Southwestern Medical Foundation in 2003 to benefit UT Southwestern's \$500 million *Innovations in Medicine* campaign to accelerate clinical advances and medical research. In 1998 the couple established the Sydney and J. L. Huffines Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research, in Honor of Eugene Frenkel, M.D.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, J. L. Huffines is a charter member and past president of the 12th Man Foundation at A&M. He served as chairman of the Board of Regents of the State Senior College System, now the Texas State University System, from 1962 to 1971. Mr. Huffines is a life member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas and the State Fair of Texas board and has served as chairman of the Cotton Bowl Association. He also has served on the boards of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society, and many other professional and civic organizations. Since 1996 the philanthropist has been a trustee of Southwestern Medical Foundation.

A Dallas arts and culture leader, Sydney Huffines serves on the President's Advisory Council of the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts. She supports a wide variety of charitable organizations throughout the community and has been instrumental in the couple's philanthropic ventures.

Laura and Jack Roach

In more than five decades as a prominent oil and gas attorney and financial adviser, Jack Roach has seen a great deal of money change hands. He has counseled some of Dallas' wealthiest citizens and has made a name for himself by closely guarding their assets. Still, he softens when asked the meaning of charity and insists that his most satisfying moments come when he sees what good a little well-placed money can do.

Mr. Roach and his wife of 46 years, Laura, have made it a policy to give back to the institutions that have given to them. For many years they have been ardent and vocal supporters of UT Southwestern, which Mr. Roach credits with recently helping him beat prostate cancer; and Southwestern Medical Foundation, where he has served as a trustee for nearly 25 years.

After his recent treatment for prostate cancer, the couple increased the endowment for the E. E. Fogelson and Greer Garson Fogelson Distinguished Chair in Urology at UT Southwestern and contributed toward a new Chair in Radiation Oncology in honor of Dr. David Pistenmaa, professor of radiation oncology. He and Dr. Claus Roehrborn, chairman of urology and holder of the Fogelson Distinguished Chair, have been Mr. Roach's physicians. The couple also has contributed to UT Southwestern's Clinical Services Initiative.

Mrs. Roach is an Arkansas native who came to Dallas to attend Southern Methodist University. After college, she worked at two jobs: modeling Jantzen sportswear and working as a dietitian at North Dallas High School. Since that time, she has poured herself into the causes she believes in, most notably education and healthcare.

The Roaches also are stalwart supporters of Children's Medical Center Dallas; St. Mark's School of Texas and other private schools in Dallas; KERA; and The University of Texas at Austin, from which Mr. Roach earned his law degree; and many other organizations.

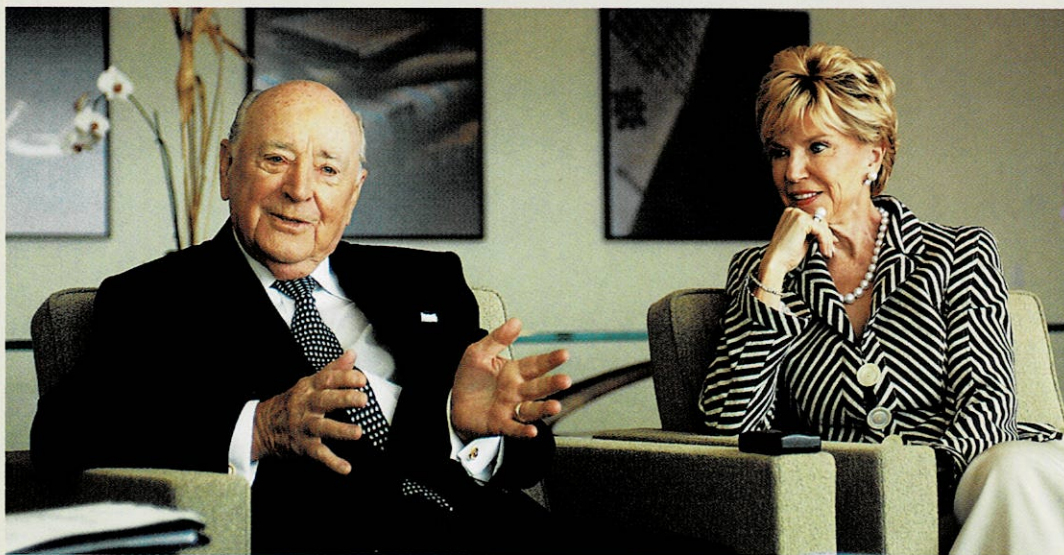


Guiding goodwill: identifying opportunities where contributions have the greatest chance for success

Q&A

with Sydney and J. L. Huffines

Your father founded Huffines Motor Co. in Lewisville during a time when some people were still relying on horses for transportation. What has been the greatest change in the automotive industry?



Mr. Huffines: Everything has gotten high-tech. Computers, in particular, have become so beneficial because we're now able to log our inventories and literally, at the press of a button, know how many cars we have and what kind of parts we have available.

What is your favorite car model, and what do you drive now?

Mr. Huffines: Well, I drive all kinds, and I like them all. But right now, I'm driving a Chrysler 300, which has a really good engine.

Mrs. Huffines: I drive a Chrysler 300, too. But, J. L. has given me everything. He gave me a Corvette about 10 years ago, and I only kept it for three months. I was scared to death, and I couldn't get out of the thing. I told J. L., "I am so sorry. You got me about 30 years too late on this Corvette deal."

Your son, Ray Huffines, is now involved in the family business. What is it like to see your child run the family business?

Mr. Huffines: Ray is a partner with me in our Plano dealerships. We work together very closely, which has been rewarding for both of us. He and I share similar interests. I'm proud that our children are all very different and have been very successful in a variety of things. But it has been fun to have one of my sons take such an interest in what has always been — since my dad started the company in 1927 — the family business.

Where did you grow up, and how did the two of you meet?

Mrs. Huffines: I was born in Dallas and have been here my entire life. J. L. and I met after my first husband died. I knew who J. L. was — his oldest son and I were on a board together — but it was our close friends, Carla and Paul Bass, who formally introduced us. We just celebrated our 14-year anniversary.

It's a well-known fact that you are a Texas A&M alumnus. Why is A&M so special to you?

Mr. Huffines: Well, I credit A&M for a lot of things in my life. The principles that were instilled in me so long ago at A&M guide how I now deal with my customers and employees.

Why have you chosen to support UT Southwestern and Southwestern Medical Foundation so generously?

Mr. Huffines: I think UT Southwestern is a fabulous asset, not only to this community, but also to Texas and the nation. The cancer research here is top-notch. I lost my father to cancer in 1971, when he was fairly young, and Sydney and I have lost several friends to the disease. I feel that we're getting very close to a cure, and I

know that — if anyone can make it happen — the researchers at UT Southwestern can. As for Dr. Frenkel, he is a very, very fine person — one of the last old-time doctors with a true bedside manner. He is more than deserving of *any* honor.

Mrs. Huffines: I feel that every great city needs a great medical center. We have 30 immediate family members in Dallas, so we certainly have a vested interest in having the best possible health care available to us. It's also a wonderful thing to think that some small contribution you make might help someone get better care.

Mr. Huffines, we understand that you have a Type A personality and still drive to work early every morning. Why not take it easy at this time in your life?

Mr. Huffines: Well, I do like to get an early start. After all, people die in bed. And I really do love my work. My philosophy is, if you don't enjoy doing what you're doing, you better change, because life's short.

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As a veteran oil and gas attorney, what changes have you witnessed?

Mr. Roach: Bear in mind, when I came here in 1951, the oil business was a dominant influence in Dallas, and it is not anymore. The East Texas field was only 20 years old. There were a lot of wildcatters in Dallas. These guys were bigger than life, and everyone knew who they were. But the whole industry has changed radically since then, particularly in the wake of technology. The tax laws also have changed, and that's changed the oil business on a local level entirely. In some ways, there are more differences than similarities when you compare the two generations of oil companies.

You have several high-profile clients, whom you've counseled to donate to worthwhile institutions in Dallas. Can you illustrate their charitable mindset?

Mr. Roach: My clients are all so different — and the way that they handle their wealth is very different. I had one well-known client, Buddy Fogelson, who gave 10 percent of his estate right off the top to the United States government because of the opportunity and protection it had afforded his immigrant family. I know some families who give away nearly every dime they make, and others — some of them unbelievably wealthy — who keep it all. I may make suggestions to my clients, but I rarely steer them toward a particular charity. It is, after all, their money — not mine. I'm hung up on education and medicine, but that doesn't mean my clients have to be. My job is to see that my clients' money is expended properly and that it isn't wasted. And there is one lesson I've learned in giving away my own money as well as my clients': Be *very* careful who you give it to.

Do you enjoy what you do?

Mr. Roach: Very much. I'm a workaholic, and I always have been. But I am tapering off a little bit. I enjoy putting deals together and seeing positive results.

Mrs. Roach: He always says, "I've come this far without a computer: I don't need one now." I bought him a cell phone for his birthday a year ago, and he has never used it.

We were glad to hear that you successfully battled prostate cancer with the help of urologists and radiology oncologists at UT Southwestern. How was your experience at UT Southwestern?

Mr. Roach: Well, my experience was outstanding. I don't know whether they are hiring people with a certain personality, or whether they are training them after they're hired, but everybody at the medical center makes you feel that everything is going to be all right. Everyone is treated like

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the most important person in the room.

Mrs. Roach: Even when he was undergoing radiation, Jack never missed a night working out at the gym. He never missed a day at the office. You'd never know anything was wrong.



Mr. Roach, you've been a Foundation trustee since 1981. Why have you continued to support the organization?

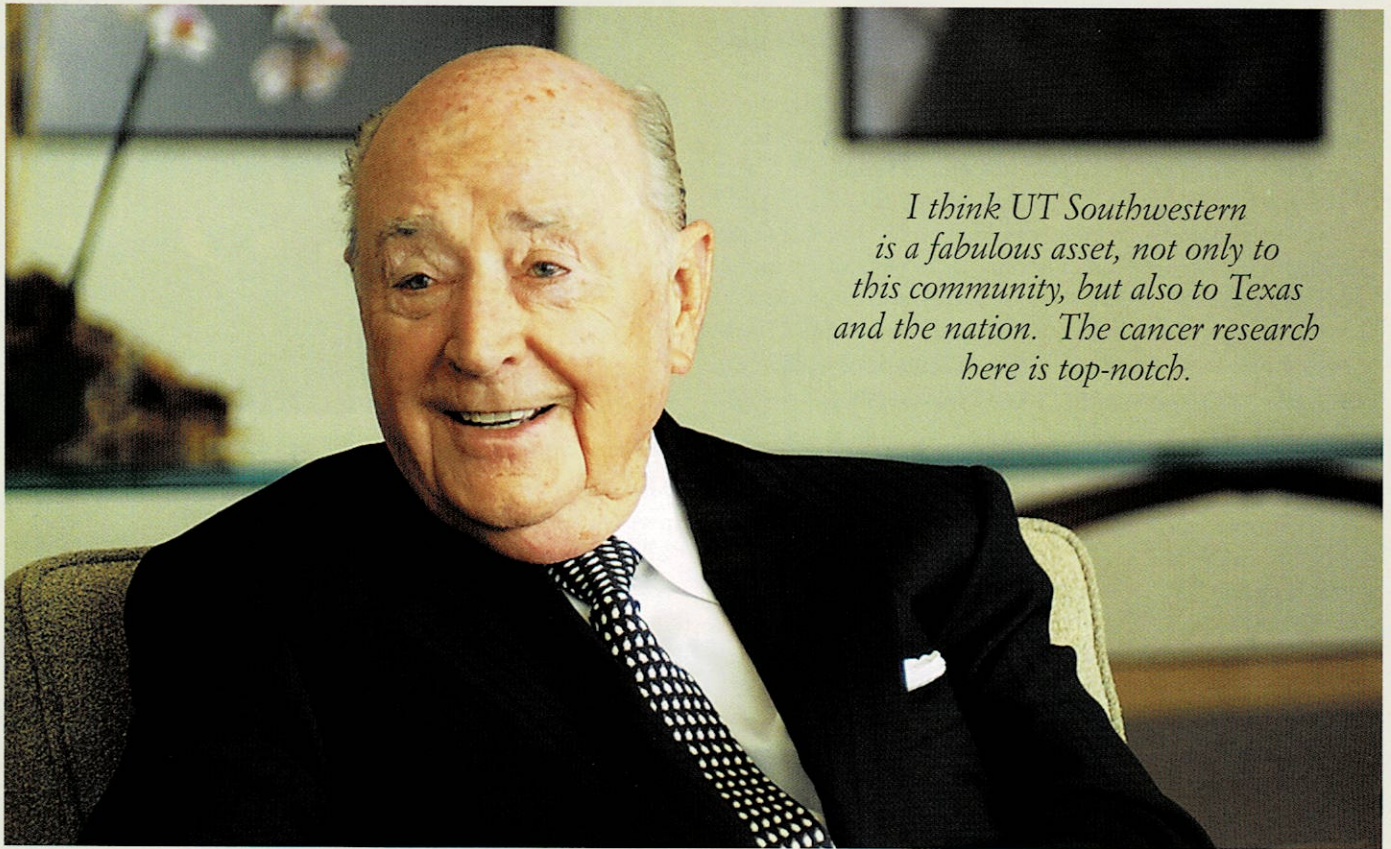
Because of the prestige and the service UT Southwestern provides our community. Dallas benefits enormously from the fact that an institution of this stature is here. Education and medicine are two things that are going to be integral to our future, and I think what is being accomplished at the medical center will have a far-reaching impact on the entire country.

We understand that you have a personal interest in greenhouses.

Mr. Roach: I have huge collections of tropical plants, and I have to have a place to put them in wintertime. The hobby is the garden; the greenhouses — 2,250 feet of space — are just a harbor for my plants in the wintertime.

Mrs. Roach: Jack's got a real green thumb. Friends who let their orchids die call him to come and get them. Then he tags

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Which personal attributes or skills do you feel have helped you out the most in life?

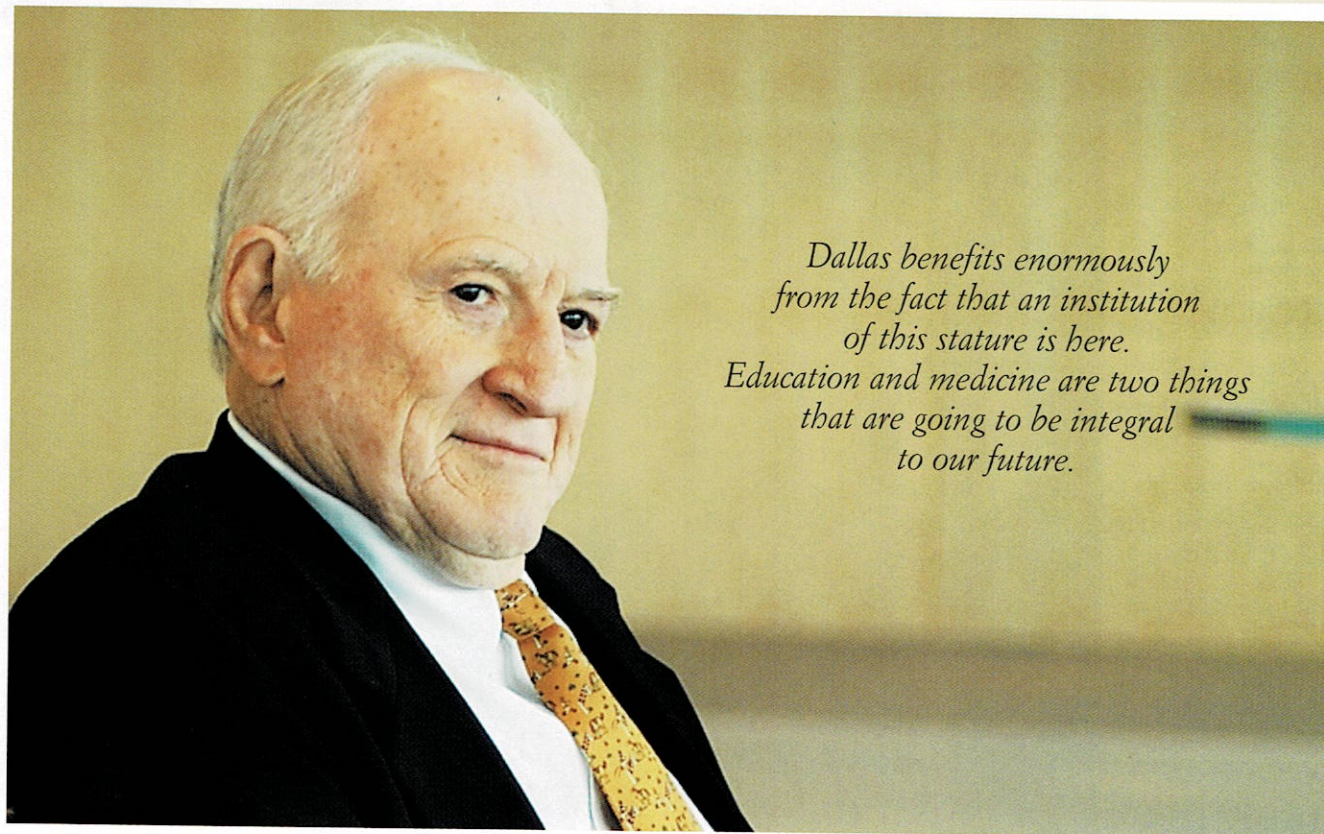
Mrs. Huffines: I think that my joy for life, which certainly began at an early age, has benefited me greatly. My father, who was a Dallas police officer, instilled in me a great deal of confidence, and I'm grateful for that. My mother was of the mindset that if you fall and scratch your knee, you just pick yourself up, dust yourself off, put a pretty smile on your face, go on out there and embrace the world.

The Charles Cameron Sprague Community Service Award is presented to those who have provided significant support to the fields of healthcare, medical education and research. What does this award mean to you?

Mr. Huffines: Well, it's certainly a surprise. The award is such an honor and a privilege to receive because there are so many other people who have done so much for UT Southwestern and the community. I'm very humbled that Sydney and I are being honored in this way.

Mrs. Huffines: The whole world loved Dr. Sprague, so any award that bears his name is a particularly high honor. Dallas has a lot to thank him for. He was a wonderful man who made immeasurable differences in our community. It's amazing to think how far UT Southwestern came under his leadership. This award means a great deal to both J. L. and me. ■





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the flowers with whomever's name, and when they rebloom, he takes the orchids back. Everyone, and I mean *everyone*, comes to the greenhouse.

Which personal attributes and skills do you feel are important?



Mr. Roach: I've told my boys from day one: You don't have to be rich, and you don't have to be famous, but for your own sake, just don't be ordinary.

What are your hopes and dreams for Dallas now?

Mr. Roach: I want to see the kind of leadership and unity that Dallas once had. People are thinking less about what's right for this city in the long run and more about what they can do to get by this month. What I want for Dallas is for everyone to come together and work toward the common goal of making this the best city in America. I also feel that education is the key to any long-term success. This country was built on a strong public education system, and now it has one of the worst in the world.

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Mrs. Roach: We were both very surprised and touched. We really liked and respected Charlie, who was one of those rare people who always made you feel good. He was just a warm, wonderful person, and he has done so much for UT Southwestern. It's an honor to be given an award with his name on it.

Mr. Roach: I respect the Southwestern Medical Foundation board a great deal, so for it to decide that I'm worthy of this award indicates to me that — as an attorney — I've served my clients well. I'm sincere about what I do, and I'm very proud that they've recognized Laura and me in this way. ■