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**Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation Contributes \$500,000 to
Medical City Foundation & Cardiopulmonary Research Science and Technology Institute**
Each organization receives \$250,000 gift in honor of Doctors Hospital founder

DALLAS (October 27, 2006) – Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation announces its donation of \$500,000 to Medical City Foundation and Cardiopulmonary Research Science and Technology Institute (CRSTI). The gifts – \$250,000 to each organization – are given in recognition of the outstanding care provided to Charles Robert “Dr. Bob” Smith, M.D., in the months leading up to his passing on June 12, 2006.

Cardiologist Eric J. Eichhorn, M.D., and Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Specialist Allan N. Shulkin, M.D., led the medical team caring for Dr. Smith at Medical City.

“Dr. Bob always recognized and appreciated the importance of nurses and physicians in the success of a hospital,” said Patty Smith, Dr. Smith’s daughter and president of Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation. “This gift from our family foundation is an expression of our gratitude to Drs. Eichhorn and Shulkin and their team for the superb care that our dad received at Medical City and we are pleased to be partnering with CRSTI and Medical City Foundation in their cutting-edge research and hope this will be the beginning of a long-term relationship between the triad.”

“Dr. Smith was one of the most recognized and respected physicians to ever serve the Dallas community, and he was also one of the area’s most generous philanthropists,” said Britt Berrett, president and chief executive officer of Medical City. “We are honored to accept this generous donation from his foundation.”

The \$250,000 endowment to Medical City Foundation will be used for cardiopulmonary research at Medical City hospital and for advanced education in the field of critical care nursing. CRSTI’s \$250,000 gift is earmarked for researching new cardiovascular treatments and technologies that will enhance patient care and clinical outcomes.

“Endowment gifts are always appreciated because they never stop working; one of this size is particularly important to our foundation,” said Scott Smith, general manager and chief executive officer of Medical City Dallas, Ltd. “The fact that this gift comes from Dr. Smith’s family and foundation makes it even more special to us. We are most grateful.”

“Through the generosity of the Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation, CRSTI can take clinical research in cardiac disease to the next level,” said Michael J. Mack, Chairman of CRSTI’s Board of Directors. “The funding gives us the ability to add resources necessary to further our mission.”

Spanning five decades, Dr. Smith made contributions to healthcare and medicine, both directly and indirectly as a founder of Doctors Hospital and Doctors Healthcare Center and as the chairman of the board of Dr. Bob and Jean Smith Foundation. Through his foundation, Dr. Smith made philanthropic contributions to hundreds of charitable organizations. Over the years, an estimated \$20 million has been invested in nonprofits operating principally in the Dallas area, including Baylor University Medical Center, Southern Methodist University and UT Southwestern Medical Center, as well as Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Smith served on the boards of many of the institutions he helped to support, and he received numerous honors for his work.

About Medical City

Medical City, which has been designated as a Magnet Hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, is a 660-bed tertiary medical center that includes Medical City Children's Hospital. Many of Medical City's programs have received national and international recognition, including cardiovascular, craniofacial, oncology, pediatric and transplant services.

Medical City is a 2006 recipient of the Texas Award for Performance Excellence and was ranked 15th out of the 50 "Best Places to Work" in Texas in a list published by Texas Monthly magazine. In 2004, Medical City was named the "Best Place to Work" in Dallas by the Dallas Business Journal. Dallas Mayor Laura Miller recognized the hospital in 2003 for its history of providing medical care for people in need and for dedicating extensive resources to the betterment of the community. Learn more at www.MedicalCityHospital.com.

Medical City is a member of the HeartOne program, www.heartonetexas.com.

About Medical City Foundation

Medical City Foundation is a nonprofit organization established by Medical City and Medical City Children's Hospital to fund a variety of worthy medical research programs and to provide technical education and training to nurses and other healthcare practitioners. With a vision of improving medical technology and treatments available to both adults and children, charitable gifts and endowments received by the foundation are used to address life-threatening diseases such as cancer and heart disease, as well as other complex medical conditions such as congenital heart defects, craniofacial abnormalities, diabetes, and orthopedic conditions. The foundation also strives to partner with other nonprofit organizations to promote advocacy, education and research.

About CRSTI

CRSTI, Cardiopulmonary Research Science and Technology Institute, is a nonprofit medical research organization created in 1998 by several groups of practicing cardiovascular and pulmonary specialists in North Texas. CRSTI's mission is to foster and promote medical research and education that benefits the health of the community. Its goal is to facilitate the physician's ability to deliver state-of-the-art medical care, access new technology, and assess and improve quality clinical outcomes.

The current CRSTI program supports the efforts of more than 75 practicing cardiovascular specialists who are committed to advancing the science of cardiopulmonary medicine, ensuring the safety and efficacy of new treatment modalities, improving patient care and helping to save lives.

CRSTI is led by renowned cardiac surgeon Michael J. Mack, M.D., who is joined by colleagues from every discipline of cardiac, vascular and pulmonary medicine. The organization partners with well-recognized clinical investigators, private practice colleagues and corporate program sponsors to offer pre-clinical and clinical trial management, education programs and continuous quality and outcomes improvement initiatives.

Learn more at www.crsti.org.

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