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**City Awards \$4 Million to Richardson Regional Medical Center
for Bush/Renner Development**

The Richardson City Council voted Monday to award a \$4 million grant to Richardson Regional Medical Center for the development of a new outpatient hospital and comprehensive cancer center at President George Bush Turnpike and Renner Road.

The grant is one of the largest recorded contributions to Richardson Regional. With this significant pledge of support and the many previous contributions the hospital has received, the facility will move forward with plans to construct the new 47,000-square-foot outpatient hospital and 50,000-square-foot cancer center. Groundbreaking for the two projects, which will complete Phase I development at the Bush/Renner site, is expected in 2007.

"We are profoundly grateful to the City of Richardson for its generous support," said Frank Leftwich, chairman of the Richardson Hospital Authority (RHA) Board. "It reflects the City's continual commitment to the well-being of our region."

"With this grant, the City wishes to applaud Richardson Regional's vision of anticipating and meeting the health care needs of our growing community," said Richardson Mayor Gary Slagel. "We are confident that the two new facilities and two institutions [Richardson Regional and UT Southwestern] will benefit the City's residents and corporations by ultimately providing the latest medical services and technology."

The planned construction will fulfill the hospital's mission by satisfying an identified community need for additional physician practices and expanded health care services. The new complex at Bush Turnpike and Renner Road is designed to serve the fast-growing population in northeast Dallas County and southern Collin County. More than 200,000 people live within a five-mile radius of the site.

"We at Richardson Regional are eager to bring new health care services to our neighboring communities," said Ron Boring, president and chief executive officer of Richardson Regional Medical Center. "The outpatient hospital will be a tremendous asset to residents of east Richardson, Parker, Wylie, Sachse and Murphy, while the new cancer center will broaden treatment services for the entire North Texas region. This facility is important because Texas has the fourth highest overall incidence of cancer in the country according to the American Cancer Society."

Current plans for the outpatient hospital include an emergency department, surgical services, medical imaging, laboratory and other diagnostic services. Through its affiliation with UT Southwestern Medical Center, the new comprehensive cancer center will expand medical, surgical and radiation oncology services. Treatment options at the current Richardson Regional

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Cancer Center include the Lance Armstrong Shaped Beam Surgery™ program featuring Novalis, a non-invasive procedure targeting tumors of the brain, head and neck, prostate, lung, liver and spine. Richardson Regional was the first medical center in the Southwest and the seventh in the United States to offer the service.

“The affiliation between Richardson Regional and UT Southwestern builds on the capabilities of the Lance Armstrong Shaped Beam Surgery™ program to bring advanced technology and the most talented physicians to our community,” said Linda Armstrong Kelly, RHA Board member and mother of seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong. “Ed [Kelly] and I are so excited about this partnership that we are honorary co-chairs of the Richardson Regional Medical Center Foundation’s capital campaign.”

“UT Southwestern Medical Center is pleased to be in a strong partnership in the fight against cancer with an excellent community hospital, Richardson Regional Medical Center,” said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. “Our clinical and research programs have integrated well into the Richardson medical community, and cancer program development is underway. The City of Richardson’s generous gift will accelerate the ability for Richardson Regional Medical Center and UT Southwestern to provide comprehensive services and programs to Richardson and surrounding communities. This partnership will allow cancer patients in the North Texas area access to advanced equipment, an outstanding medical staff, personalized patient care and customer service, and the latest clinical research trials.”

Combined construction costs for the two projects will total \$41 million. The City of Richardson’s grant will be added to proceeds from tax-exempt revenue bonds and private contributions to finance construction.

"We're excited about the business development synergy between Richardson Regional and UT Southwestern and anticipate our commitment will encourage future health care and research development in Richardson," said Mayor Slagel. "Our community will benefit from this development through newly created jobs in the health profession and increased business for local retail, restaurant and hospitality establishments."

For over 40 years, the City of Richardson has actively supported health care improvements for the community. In 1958, the Richardson City Council passed an ordinance to create a hospital authority for Richardson residents. Since 1999, the City has awarded economic development support to help fund the construction of health care projects on the Campbell Road campus and the Bush/Renner site.

Phase I of the Bush/Renner development commenced with the opening of a five-story, 100,000-square-foot physician pavilion in August 2004.

About Richardson Regional Medical Center

Richardson Regional Medical Center, a community-owned hospital in Richardson, Texas, has offered compassionate medical, surgical and behavioral health services to the surrounding community for more than 25 years. The hospital was the first health care facility to receive the Texas Award for Performance Excellence, patterned after the renowned Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. For more information, visit www.richardsonregional.com.

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About the City of Richardson

Well-known nationally and internationally as the Telecom Corridor® area, Richardson is home to nearly 100,000 residents and a large, diverse and growing portfolio of businesses. Named as the Best Value in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in a study of top family-friendly locales, Richardson's community amenities include a highly qualified workforce, solid business partnerships, exceptional educational systems, strong neighborhood associations, high-quality medical facilities and first-rate arts, entertainment and recreational opportunities. For more information, visit www.cor.net.

About UT Southwestern

The UT Southwestern Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center combines the highest standards of individual care with innovative programs for cancer diagnosis, treatment and prevention based on UT Southwestern's internationally recognized research coupled with the most sophisticated equipment and advanced technologies available. The expertise of the physicians in the Simmons Cancer Center extends to virtually every cancer in every age group, from breast, urologic, gynecologic, lung, gastrointestinal, head and neck, brain and skin to lymphomas, leukemia and bone marrow transplantation.

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