

Brief History

St. Paul Medical Foundation was founded in October of 1964, the year after St. Paul Hospital relocated to its present site from Bryan and Hall Streets in Dallas. Called the St. Paul Hospital Endowment Fund, the organization's purpose was to support medical and hospital care with special emphasis on care for the indigent, and in a manner consistent with the values and mission of the Daughters of Charity who founded the hospital in 1898.

Over the years, many varied and worthwhile projects were funded and several endowment funds established to ensure a steady stream of resources to accomplish the mission which remained the same, although the name of the organization changed several times to reflect name changes of the hospital. In addition, the board benefited from the participation of many dedicated and highly respected community leaders. Among those who served in the earliest years were **Joe Haggar, Jr.** and **Trammel Crow** followed by **Mrs. John (Lupe) Murchison**, **Jere Thompson** and **James Moroney** in the '70s; **Maurice Acers**, **Robert Crandall**, **Annette Strauss** and **Rita Clements** in the '80s; and, in the '90s, **Stanley Marcus**, **Mary Kay Ash** and **Ebby Halliday Acers**.

During the 1990s while the foundation was flourishing, the hospital was experiencing serious budget deficits. When the financial trouble approached crisis levels in the early 2000s, St. Paul Foundation stepped in to provide much-needed aid, which included a \$1 million grant to help underwrite the fees of a management consultant group, and a second \$1 million grant to be used by the hospital for bridge loans. The importance of these and other grants was summed up by a high-ranking hospital official who said in the fall of 2004 that the hospital wouldn't have survived without the foundation's infusion of cash. As it was, the funds enabled the facility to continue operating until January 1, 2005 when St. Paul and Zale-Lipshy Hospitals were acquired by UT Southwestern Medical Center.