

## **A Brief History of St. Paul Medical Foundation**

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 to support medical research and education in a manner consistent with the values and mission of the Daughters of Charity.

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 Trammell 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 would not 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.

Also at the beginning of 2005, St. Paul Foundation merged with its sister organization—the St. Paul Fund for Advanced Heart and Lung Disease. The resulting organization, called St. Paul Medical Foundation, continued the Foundation's original mission of promoting excellence in healthcare at St. Paul University Hospital. A decade later, when William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital replaced the St. Paul facility, the Foundation's Board of Directors broadened its primary mission to include healthcare excellence for all UT Southwestern patients, without regard to where they are served.