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Donation to UT Southwestern Medical Center helps develop neurotherapeutics for childhood brain disorder

Dallas, TX (August 23, 2010) – A group of parents of children with G1D (Glucose transporter type I deficiency), working alongside The Child Brain Foundation, made a \$25,000 donation to UT Southwestern Medical Center. The contribution will help fund the first treatment study using newly developed research biochemical and MRI techniques to benefit G1D patients. These studies will be conducted under the direction of Juan M. Pascual, MD, PhD, Director of the Rare Brain Disorders Clinic and Laboratory and faculty member of the Division of Pediatric Neurology, Departments of Neurology, Physiology and Pediatrics, who conducts leading research in this neurological disorder and cares for many of the patients diagnosed worldwide, including many of the donors' children.

This gift is made possible through the strength, support, generosity and hard work of a very committed group of G1D parents. These very important supporters are: Gary and April Breen, Jennifer and Jason Halsey, Lloyd and Leslie Holleman, Susan Kaszubowski, Ryan and Rachel Kuypers, Tivadar Lucas, Jason and Keri Meyers, Robert and Paula Rapaport, Melissa and Marc Romero, John and Glenna Steele, Greg and Debbie Stoddard, and Carrie Wittenstein.

G1D is a neurometabolic condition in which glucose doesn't reach the brain at levels high enough to sustain the high energy demands of children, leading to seizures, developmental disabilities or movement control disorders. There are over 300 cases worldwide and probably many unsuspected cases remain to be diagnosed. "We hope this donation will help advance our understanding of this disease and improve the course of treatment and patient care and hopefully take us a step closer to finding a cure. We are confident in UT Southwestern's leading scientists and, specifically, in Dr. Juan Pascual's promising studies and current plans. We are also thrilled to be able to contribute to UT Southwestern's mission" says Albertina Cisneros, The Foundation's Executive Director.

About the Child Brain Foundation:

The Child Brain Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 certified non-for-profit organization, based in Dallas, Texas. It supports research projects to understand and treat pediatric neurological disorders and encourages greater communication between scientists, professionals, families and the general public. For additional information, please visit www.childbrainfoundation.org.

About UT Southwestern:

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center ranks among the top academic medical centers in the world. Its faculty members – who are responsible for a broad array of groundbreaking biomedical research advances – are respected for their dedication to patient care, research and teaching. . UT Southwestern physicians provide patients with the highest quality of care throughout the medical center's outpatient clinics and affiliated hospitals.

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