

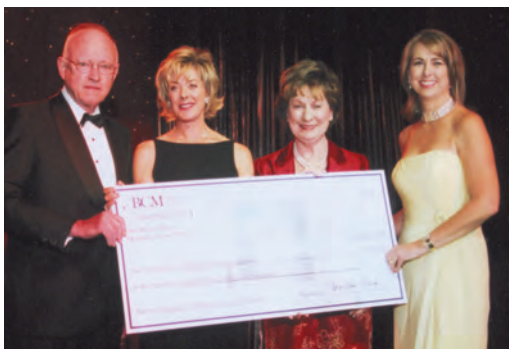
## Partnership Gala a Fitting Tribute to the *King of Our Hearts*, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey

Crooning from “Frank Sinatra,” amazing international dancers, a video message from a former President, and an elegant celebration for a living legend that raised more than a million dollars. These were the hallmarks of the *King of Hearts* gala held on May 13 at Hilton Americas - Houston.

The event was the culmination of a year of fundraising success, made possible by The Partnership for Baylor College of Medicine, as its members focused their attention on the Michael E. DeBakey Library & Museum and the Education Center Expansion, the group’s 2005-2006 fundraising project.

A touching program emceed by Channel 13 news anchor Dave Ward featured an overview of Dr. DeBakey’s career and special messages from DeBakey Library & Museum Advisory Committee Honorary Chairman and former President George H. W. Bush, Advisory Committee member and United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Dr. Peter G. Traber, President and CEO of BCM. An appreciative letter from Dr. DeBakey, read by Dr. Bobby Alford, was a highlight. True-to-life performances from The Rat Pack, with the talents of impersonators for Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, The Goldiggers, and Marilyn Monroe, added glamor to the festivities.

At the beginning of the evening’s program, Gala Chairs Susan Arnoldy Hansen and Leila P. Gilbert, and The Partnership President Cora Sue Mach, presented a check for \$1 million to Dr. William Butler, representing the College and the DeBakey Library & Museum Advisory Committee. The \$500,000 raised by The Partnership was generously matched dollar for dollar by the Cullen Trust for Higher Education.



*William T. Butler, M.D., Leila P. Gilbert, Cora Sue Mach & Susan Arnoldy Hansen*



*Margaret Alkek Williams & Jim Daniel*



*Lester & Sue Smith*



*“Marilyn Monroe” & Dave Ward*

## Robertson Honored for His Vision and Support of BCM

For more than 20 years, Corbin “Corby” J. Robertson, Jr., has been a defining figure in the success of Baylor College of Medicine. Following in his family’s footsteps—he is the grandson of H. Roy and Lillie Cullen—he has been a champion for the College, donating not only his resources but also his time to ensure that BCM continues to prosper and advance as the world-class academic institution and research center it is today.

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## Gibson Foundation Continues Support for Leukemia Study

The Ryan Gibson Foundation has made its fourth contribution of \$50,000 to the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy at Baylor College of Medicine. The gift was made to support the research of Dr. Patricia Yotnda, which is aimed at reducing the need for bone marrow transplants in leukemia patients. Researchers hope to find an alternate therapy using the body's own production of antibodies to attack modified leukemic cells. This grant brings the Dallas-based Foundation's total contributions to \$200,000.

The Ryan Gibson Foundation has one goal—to cure leukemia. This goal was set by the late Ryan Gibson, who always believed that his purpose, after a long struggle with leukemia, was to end this dreaded disease.

Through contributions to various organizations that support research and testing for leukemia drugs and cures, the Ryan Gibson Foundation believes it can accomplish what Ryan set out to do. "We are pleased with the past research of Dr. Yotnda and Center Director Dr. Malcolm Brenner, and continue to be impressed with their work at Baylor. We hope to continue our efforts to cure this disease together," said Hook Harmeling, President and Founder of the Ryan Gibson Foundation.

## Third Pink Ribbon House<sup>SM</sup> Offers Guests a Preview Peek

After more than a year of planning, design and construction, Houston's third Pink Ribbon House<sup>SM</sup> opened its doors to more than 300 guests at its Preview Party on May 8. Hosted by Event Chairmen Dr. Bobbi Traber and Judy Smith, the elegant evening provided a first look at the Tanglewood area show house decorated by some of Houston's premier interior designers.

Connie Haddox, Chairman of this year's Pink Ribbon House project, was the emcee for the night's festivities, which



included a description of the home from its builder, Patti Barnett, who lost her mother and grandmother to breast cancer. Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center and Breast Center Director C. Kent Osborne, M.D.,

then provided information on the groundbreaking research being done at the Breast Center at BCM. Connie recognized Jayne and Jack Kendall for their contributions as honorary chairs and presenting sponsors. Judy and Glenn Smith were thanked for their work as presenting sponsors. Connie also acknowledged Becky Rush, PRH 2006 Co-Chairman, for her tireless efforts in making this year's house a success. Guests

snacked on tantalizing appetizers provided by Rice Epicurean Market and wine by Select Vineyard Series by Woodridge while touring the rooms.

Public tours of the Pink Ribbon House<sup>SM</sup> continued through May 28. The project is expected to raise more than \$500,000 for the Breast Center.

## Dinner of Champions Benefits Maxine Mesinger MS Clinic



*National Multiple Sclerosis Society Lone Star Chapter President Mark Neagli (back center) and Board Chair Henry Noey (back right) presented BCM Trustee Frank Richardson (back left), James Killian, M.D., (front right) Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Neurology, and Victor Rivera, M.D., F.A.A.N., (front left) Medical Director of the Maxine Mesinger MS Clinic, with a check for more than \$75,000 at the MS Society's Dinner of Champions, benefiting the Maxine Mesinger MS Clinic.*

## Jamails Honored for Service

Baylor College of Medicine and its longstanding relationship with Lee and Joe Jamail were celebrated at a reception hosted by the Jamails on May 25 at River Oaks Country Club. The special evening was attended by more than 200 of Mr. Jamail's colleagues, friends of the Jamails, and the College's supporters.

BCM was represented by Mr. Jamail in litigation with the College's insurance company over the extreme losses incurred as a result of Tropical Storm Allison. The storm hit the Texas Medical Center in June 2001 and severely impacted many of its prestigious institutions.

When the matter was successfully concluded, Mr. Jamail waived approximately \$40 million of legal fees called for by the contingent fee agreement. By thus permitting the College to use those funds for other needs, Mr. Jamail continued the long and generous history of support that he and his wife, Lee, have provided to the College. Lee Jamail is a valued member of the BCM Board of Trustees.

"We are forever indebted to Joe for his legal brilliance and to Lee for her work on the Board over the years, most especially as we faced the challenges of rebuilding the campus and planning for the future," said Dr. Peter G. Traber, President and CEO of BCM. "Their generosity to the College is unprecedented and greatly appreciated."

# Message from the Vice President of Development:

## The View from the Top 10 Percent



*Lisa Kennedy*  
Vice President, Development

As we celebrate Commencement and the conclusion of another successful school year, I am proud to announce that Baylor College of Medicine has been ranked 10th among the 125 U.S. medical schools in an annual survey published by *U.S. News & World Report*. This ranking is the best yet for the College, which also was listed 11th in primary care

medicine. Our Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences was ranked 22nd among Ph.D. programs in the field.

These impressive numbers put BCM in a category with only three other medical schools in the nation – Duke University, the University of California – San Francisco, and the University of Washington – to achieve top 10 percent rankings for both patient care and biomedical research.

This is a wonderful achievement and a testament not only to the outstanding faculty, staff, scientists, physicians, and students we have at the College, but also to the amazing support we get from donor friends like you who believe in our mission.

We witnessed this donor commitment most recently in the success of spring volunteer projects at BCM. The Partnership's *King of Hearts Gala* raised \$1 million for the Michael E. DeBakey Library & Museum and Education Center Expansion, while the Pink Ribbon House<sup>SM</sup> built

awareness and support for breast cancer research. Both illustrate the power of many dedicated individuals working together for a cause.

Then there are donors like the trustees of the Gillson Longenbaugh Foundation, who take a personal interest in each scientist and research initiative they fund at the College. The trustees meet with the Foundation's beneficiaries throughout their research endeavors and provide the all-important "seed money" that helps BCM nurture tomorrow's breakthrough discoveries.

The Dan L. Duncan family, who provided the College with the largest single gift we have ever received – \$100 million for the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center – are similarly hands-on in their support. Randa Duncan Williams played an important role during the National Cancer Institute's on-campus review of our application for designation as a comprehensive cancer center by providing a donor's perspective on the importance of the Cancer Center and the community's commitment to its success.

I feel truly honored to be in the company of such wonderful friends who understand the needs of our people and programs. Our good standing in national rankings is very gratifying but far more significant to me – and to the College – is the knowledge that your advocacy and support are helping our researchers and physicians find new ways to improve healthcare, alleviate human suffering, and save lives.

## In Memoriam: J.A. Elkins, Jr. (1919–2006)

On February 21, 2006, Baylor College of Medicine, the Texas Medical



Center and the Houston community lost one of its most beloved supporters, James Anderson Elkins, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of the BCM Board of

Trustees. Elkins began his involvement with the College by joining the Board of Trustees in 1970, just one year after the school separated from Baylor University in Waco. He had a defining role in helping develop the College during its earliest days as an independent institution.

Elkins and his family consistently provided generous contributions of time

and resources to BCM, and other Houston-area non-profits and charities in healthcare, the arts, civic affairs, education, and indigent care. His financial generosity to the College was greatly felt throughout the years, most especially in the Department of Ophthalmology, where he established the James and Margaret Elkins Chair, and in the area of pancreatic disease research under the direction of Dr. F. Charles Brunicaudi. He also played an instrumental part in securing some of BCM's largest donations.

He was elected vice chair of the board in 1982 and served as chair from 1991 to 1996. During his tenure, Elkins took an active part in the school's growth as it doubled its class size and developed a graduate school with a world-renowned reputation. Under his exceptional direction, BCM evaluated and expanded many of its research programs, which helped

shape the College as a leader in biomedical research. He continued to be an active member of the BCM family after he assumed emeritus status. His final appointment was to the Steering Committee for the Michael E. DeBakey Library & Museum.

Born in Galveston, Elkins' commitment to the city of Houston never wavered. He began his professional career with City National Bank at the age of 13, and in 1988 retired as Senior Chairman of First City National Bank. He served on the boards of Central Houston, Houston Grand Opera, the Menil Foundation, Princeton University, St. John's School, the National Board of the Smithsonian Institution, the Society for Performing of Arts, Texas Children's Hospital, and the University of Houston.

## Annual Fund Contributions: Ensuring the Future of BCM

Since its inception in September 2004, the Annual Fund has provided support for a number of pressing needs and programs throughout BCM.

Specifically created to support each of Baylor College of Medicine's mission areas—education, research, patient care, and community service—the Annual Fund symbolizes the heart of BCM. It provides students, alumni, faculty, and friends with an opportunity to make a personal investment in the College in a way that allows the leadership flexibility to designate funds for priority needs as they arise. Annual Fund gifts are directed to those initiatives that hasten the progress of innovative medicine at the critical moment of its evolution, giving our donors the opportunity to invest in the College's areas of greatest hope and potential.

Unrestricted gifts made to the Annual Fund typically are allocated to each mission area as follows:

- Education - Used to create new scholarships, fund fellowships, and support programs that provide BCM students with unique opportunities that otherwise might not be available.
- Research - Used to provide seed funding for research that has not yet reached the public sector for support. Faculty then can begin to court peer reviews and subsequent state and federal funding.
- Patient Care - Used to help meet immediate financial needs for translational research and accelerate its introduction to the clinic realm. This brings dramatically improved healthcare closer to those who are in most need.
- Community Service - Used to provide support for those in crisis as well as health services to indigent communities.

Consistent, unrestricted funding allows Baylor's leadership to identify gaps in programs and fill them quickly. The Annual Fund is one way to meet BCM's most urgent needs.

To date, the Annual Fund has raised more than \$600,000, which has been distributed to some of the College's most promising faculty, programs, and research initiatives. Projects that have benefited greatly from the generosity of our Annual Fund donors include the Shoulder to Shoulder Program that provides medical care to those in the impoverished region of Santa Ana, Honduras; molecular surgery research under Dr. Charles Brunicaudi; the Kaufman Chair in Obstetrics & Gynecology; the Congenital Heart Disease Conference; the Dr. Wah Chiu Fellowship; the Williamson Neuroscience Fellowship; the Texas Children's Cancer Center Nucleofactor device; the BCM Trauma Grief Program; and access to the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Conference for Baylor students. Eighteen stu-

dents were able to attend this year's conference, where five students were elected to national office for AMSA and two received first place awards for their poster sessions.

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## Honor Your Father Campaign Receives National Recognition

The work of the Lester and Sue Smith Foundation and Baylor College of Medicine made national headlines as their joint fundraising campaign - the *Honor Your Father Campaign for Prostate Cancer Research* - was recognized at the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) international confer-



*General Colin Powell with Sue & Lester Smith*

ence on April 3 in Atlanta. Lester and Sue Smith, former campaign chairs Jan Carson and Tim Connolly, and BCM Director of Development Judy Howell were in attendance to receive the national AFP *Excellence in Fundraising* award. The *Honor Your Father Campaign* was one of four honorees to receive awards at the opening session. The award was created to honor those individuals, groups, or organizations who not only have given their time and money, but also have raised the bar in the world of philanthropy through their innovation and dedication.

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Lester Smith made a moving speech to a crowd of more than 7,000 about his personal battle with prostate cancer and his desire to educate other men about the dangers of the disease that nearly took his life. Keynote speaker General Colin Powell, a prostate cancer survivor, began and ended his speech with personal remarks to Smith, even saluting him at the conclusion. It was a fitting tribute to a campaign that raised \$6.4 million for prostate cancer research at Baylor College of Medicine's Scott Department of Urology.

The Campaign previously received a "Leadership in Action" award from Leadership Houston for its efforts to increase awareness of prostate cancer and to raise funds for research to find its cure. It received a Lone Star Emmy for its public awareness video, *Love, Sex and PSA*, produced by media sponsor KTRK-TV ABC/13, which reached more than 2 million viewers with its life-saving message. The Association of Fundraising Professionals also selected the Campaign as the 2005 *National Philanthropy Award* recipient in the category of Outstanding Fundraising Program Over \$250,000.

## Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Contributes \$500,000 to DeBakey Library & Museum

With a gift of \$500,000, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. recently joined the growing ranks of friends and supporters of the Michael E. DeBakey Library & Museum and the Education Center Expansion.



*Fulbright & Jaworski partners Frank G. Jones and Michael W. Conlon with Peter G. Traber, M.D.*

The firm's relationship with Baylor College of Medicine dates back to Dr. DeBakey's presidency, when founding partner Leon Jaworski served as counsel to the College. Subsequent support has encompassed legal representation, generous contributions to programs such as Neurology and the Fulbright & Jaworski Faculty Excellence Awards, and board membership. BCM Trustees Richard Carrell, W. Fred Cameron, and A.T. "Gus" Blackshear, and Trustee Emeritus Gibson Gayle Jr. are affiliated with the firm.



*DeBakey Library & Museum*

This latest gift included a Diamond level sponsorship of The Partnership's *King of Hearts Gala*, which raised \$1 million in support of the DeBakey Library & Museum. The firm's donation will be acknowledged with a plaque on the sculpture of Dr. DeBakey that will greet visitors to the museum.

"We are so fortunate to have the support of generous partners like Fulbright & Jaworski," said Peter G. Traber, M.D., President and CEO of Baylor College of Medicine. "Its decades-long commitment to BCM ensures our continued success in medical education, patient care, and research advancements for years to come."

## DeBakey Library & Museum Receives \$1 Million from Mabee Foundation

The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation has donated \$1 million to support construction of the Michael E. DeBakey Library & Museum at Baylor College of Medicine. The Foundation's gift honors world-renowned BCM surgeon-educator, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey.

It also supports the expansion of the DeBakey Education Center that will provide additional classrooms, laboratories, and space for academic societies for medical and graduate students.

The Mabee Foundation was established in 1948 by the late John E. Mabee and his wife, Lottie E. Mabee. With offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Midland, Texas, the Foundation provides support to religious and charitable organizations, institutions of higher learning, hospitals and other charitable groups. In 1992, it contributed \$500,000 toward the construction of the Vivian and Bob Smith Research Building at the College.

Elected Chairman of the BCM Board of Trustees in 2001, Robertson has seen the College through both trying and bright times with grace and optimism. The Chairman of the 2004 *Investment in Discovery Campaign*, he led the most successful fundraiser in the school's history, garnering \$521 million in contributions for the future of medicine and medical discovery. Most recently, he played an instrumental role in securing the \$100 million gift that Dan L. Duncan and his family gave to name the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

Robertson was honored for his years of dedication at a reception held on May 17 at The Houstonian. During the program, he became the first-ever recipient of the BCM Medal of Honor.

Robertson announced that he will be taking on the role of Chairman Emeritus in July. Succeeding him as Chairman of the BCM Board of Trustees is Robert "Bob" H. Allen, a name that has been familiar to BCM since its beginnings—Allen worked as a carpenter's helper on the construction of the Cullen Building in 1946. A successful natural resources consultant, Allen has been a Baylor College of Medicine trustee for 25 years and takes over the position of Chairman with a clear vision of a bright future for BCM.

Robertson will continue to play an active role on the Board and in raising funds for the College. "Corby has provided BCM with such positive leadership during his five-year tenure as Chairman," said Dr. Peter G. Traber. "We are appreciative of his exceptional service and are thankful that he will continue to have an active role in the growth of Baylor College of Medicine."

## DeBakey Gala

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The celebration continued into the night as the gala turned up the volume with the Lester and Sue Smith Dancers' world-class dance exhibition. Red confetti showered the dance floor and waiters passed out red feather boas. Soon, the more than 700 guests were grooving to the fresh melodies of The Night Shift band.

Fundraising for the DeBakey Library & Museum already has garnered more than \$23 million for the project, including \$10.5 million from the Cullen Trust for Higher Education, \$10 million from the DeBakey Medical Foundation, \$1 million from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, \$500,000 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., and \$150,000 from the Lester and Sue Smith Foundation. The goal is \$40 million.



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