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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso School of Medicine Receives \$50 Million Gift – School Will Be Named In Honor of Donor **Paul L. Foster School of Medicine**

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso announced today that the El Paso School of Medicine will be named in honor of Paul L. Foster, President and CEO of Western Refining, Inc. Foster has donated \$50 million to the TTUHSC El Paso School of Medicine, the largest gift ever to be received in the Texas Tech University System.

The **Paul L. Foster School of Medicine** will focus on the following areas:

- Training physicians capable of delivering quality, affordable health care
- Offering superior health care for the community of El Paso
- Creating Centers of Excellence for scientific research related to Border Health issues
- Generating significant economic expansion in the El Paso region

The funds provided will initially help finance faculty recruitment, salaries, and state-of-the-art equipment for cutting-edge research. The Paul L. Foster School of Medicine will create new opportunities vital for research and advances in healthcare that will profoundly affect the region, state, nation and world.

“We are so grateful to Mr. Foster for making an extraordinary gift to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. His generosity and foresight will enhance the El Paso community and touch future generations of physicians and researchers as they pursue cutting-edge advances in border health and other health care initiatives,” said Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance.

“Mr. Foster's gift to the El Paso School of Medicine is an outstanding example of the support this community has shown Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. We are honored to be the recipient of such a generous gift. Its impact on El Paso will be profoundly positive,” added TTUHSC President John C. Baldwin, M.D.

Foster founded Western Refining Inc., an independent refinery and marketing company headquartered in El Paso, Texas, in 1997. In 2000, Foster, a native Texan, moved to El Paso as Western Refining acquired the assets formerly owned by El Paso Refinery, L.P. And in 2003, Western bought Chevron Texaco's refinery in El Paso. Operations of the two refineries were combined so that now it's a single operation in the heart of El Paso.

Under Foster's leadership, Western Refining has made a significant and continuing commitment to El Paso and the surrounding area. He is a significant sponsor of many El Paso non-profit activities. Foster, a CPA, graduated from Baylor University in 1979 with a BBA in accounting.

An avid supporter of local community groups, Foster is a member of the El Paso Downtown Rotary Club, Young Presidents' Organization, the Business Advisory Council at UTEP, and the El Paso Regional Economic Development Corporation and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.