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The Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing to Create Endowed Faculty Fund

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing has received a \$500,000 gift from the James A. “Buddy” Davidson Charitable Foundation to support faculty in their work related to aging research and education.

The James A. “Buddy” Davidson Charitable Foundation was established by Midland native James A. “Buddy” Davidson, a businessman with a love for animals, wildlife, the environment, children and his mother and aunts who were nurses.

These funds will be used by the dean to provide nursing faculty with the opportunity to expand their research and educational focus based on the needs of an aging patient population.

“Endowments such as these enable our university to recruit and retain the best and most productive faculty who will continue to advance our mission of excellence in education, research and patient care,” said TTUHSC President John C. Baldwin, M.D.

Texas produced almost 7,700 nurses in 2008. By 2013, data predicts we will need 15,199 nurses per year to meet the health care needs of Texans. West Texas is particularly vulnerable to these shortages of nursing professionals because of its demographics.

“The Perry School of Nursing is committed to educating more students to fill the critical need for nurses not only in West Texas, but throughout the state,” said Alexia Green, Ph.D., R.N., dean of the Perry School of Nursing. “We continue to pave the way with innovative teaching methods. This gift is a proactive approach to address the critical nursing shortage.”

The Davidson Foundation has previously supported Perry School of Nursing student scholarships for Lubbock and the Permian Basin.