

Marie Hall donates major gift to establish new simulation center

Marie Hall recently gave a major gift to create a new clinical simulation center at TTUHSC.

The F. Marie Hall *SimLife* Center will be an interdisciplinary educational clinical laboratory that will promote safe, quality patient care through innovative simulation technologies.

President John C. Baldwin, M.D., said the institution is humbled and honored by Ms. Hall's generosity.

"Ms. Hall carries forth the compassion she witnessed firsthand from her father, Dr. Granville T. Hall, and has displayed a lifetime of caring for others," Baldwin said.

Ms. Hall's gift will be used to assist with the renovation of 26,000 square feet on the west side first floor of the TTUHSC.

"The *SimLife* Center will provide the environment and tools to assist faculty in initiating innovative educational experiences that enhance critical thinking and clinical competence," said Sharon Decker, Ph.D., R.N., SON professor and director of Clinical Simulation and Nursing Education.

The *SimLife* Center will include simulation areas containing high tech equipment, virtual reality and 3D visualization, and computerized digital audio-visual systems.

Rick Bliss, TTUHSC Student Government Association president and a second-year medical student, said he is excited about the new center not only because having access to the



(From left) TTU System Chancellor Kent Hance, Sharon Decker, Ph.D., R.N., Marie Hall, and SGA President Rick Bliss.

center will make him a better doctor, but also because the center is another step in bringing TTUHSC students together.

"One of the biggest assets we have at TTUHSC is the variety of schools," Bliss said. "This will truly encourage interdisciplinary education throughout TTUHSC, which is something the SGA has been working toward."

The *SimLife* Center is expected to be completed in May 2010.