



*Dan and Jan Duncan*

## Dan Duncan's Legacy

Texas Children's Hospital lost a great friend when Houston business leader and philanthropist, Dan Duncan, unexpectedly passed away on March 28. Together, Jan and Dan Duncan served as honorary chairs of the hospital's Heal Sick Children campaign, acting as tireless advocates and helping to ensure the success of Texas Children's Vision 2010 initiatives.

In 2007, Jan and Dan Duncan made a record \$50 million gift to launch the world's preeminent collaborative institute to study and treat pediatric neurological disorders. The gift was given to support the creation and development of the Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children's Hospital, now the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute. The institute is the first dedicated facility to use a multidisciplinary research approach to understand the unique issues of a child's brain structure, development patterns and related diseases.

"The Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute will indeed be a lasting tribute to Dan and a legacy of his selfless altruism in truly touching the lives of so many, both today and in the future," said Mark A. Wallace, president and CEO, Texas Children's Hospital.

Although he was a talented businessman and head of a Forbes 500 company, what truly distinguished Dan was his life-long commitment to the core values he grew up with in a small town in Texas. Dan was often quoted as saying: "True wealth is measured in the lives you touch, not in the dollars you have."

"We at Texas Children's Hospital have been so fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Dan's commitment and compassion, his leadership and insight, his friendship and generosity. I hope you will join me in paying tribute to a great man. I hope especially that each of us be inspired by the legacy he leaves behind as we serve the patients and families who come to us for help and hope," said Wallace.

Dan was the co-founder and chairman of Enterprise Products Partners and served as a member of the Baylor College of Medicine Board of Trustees, as well as an Honorary Trustee of the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. He was the dedicated husband of Texas Children's board member, Jan Ellis Duncan, and a loving father of four and grandfather of four. Texas Children's extends its most sincere and deepest sympathy to Jan and the entire Duncan family during this very difficult time. Dan was a true icon in the Houston community, and he will be dearly missed.