

## 35th Anniversary Dinner Proceeds Fund Scholarships for All HSC Schools

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Students in all six schools of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston will benefit from new scholarships established as a result of the health science center's 35th anniversary dinner April 24 at the River Oaks Country Club.

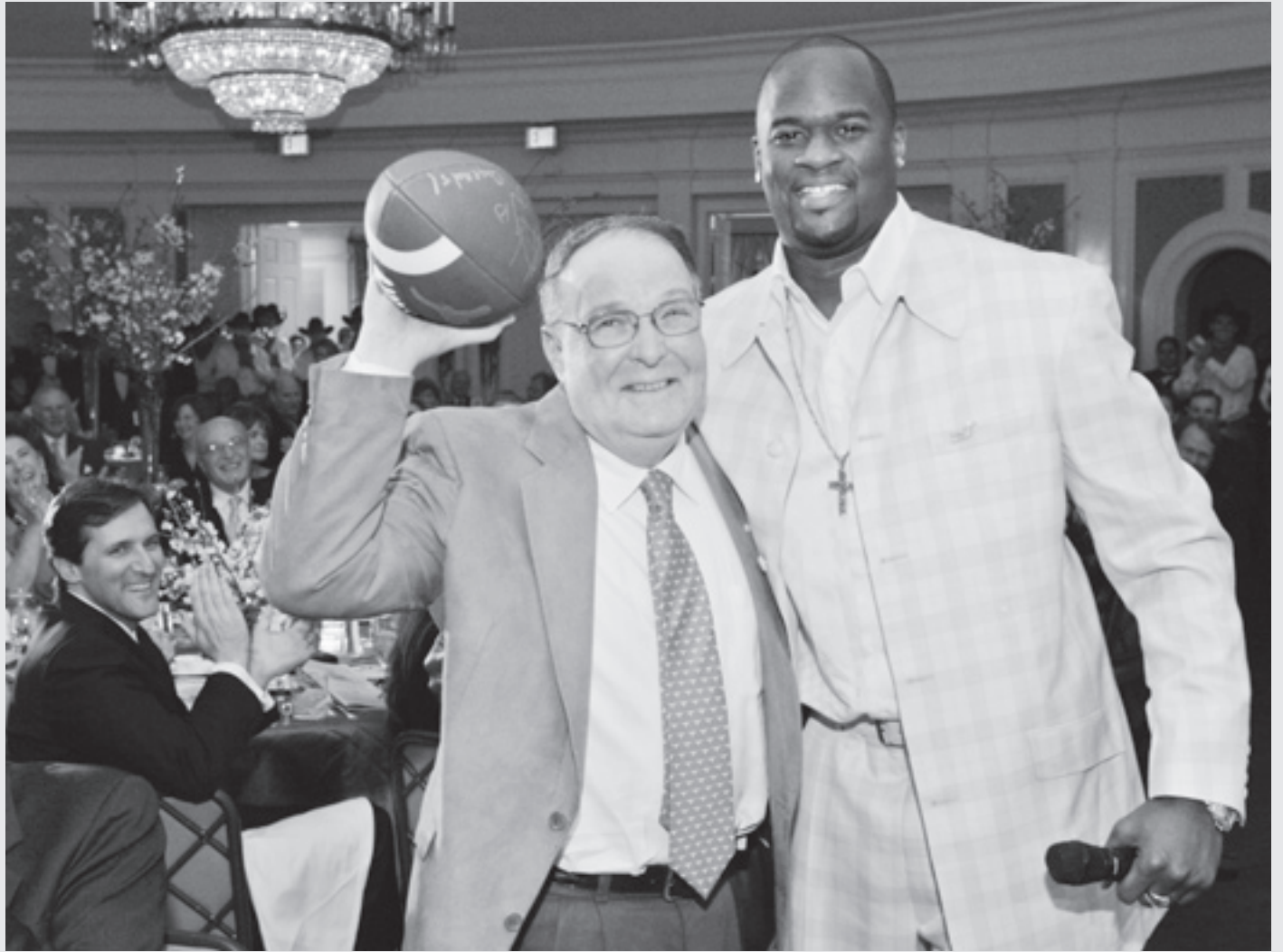
Friends and supporters donated about \$400,000 in honor of James T. Willerson, M.D., president of the UT Health Science Center, and his wife, Nancy.

Proceeds from the event will be used to establish six new President James T. and Nancy Beamer Willerson Endowed Scholarships – one for each of the schools in the UT Health Science Center.

In addition, a special allocation will go to the Medical School's existing Doris Simon Endowed Scholarship, awarded by the Faculty Wives and Women Faculty organization, to which Nancy Willerson has contributed many hours of her time.

Dr. Willerson also announced that the UT Health Science Center has established two new scholarships in the Medical School in honor of event co-chairs, Mayor Bob and Elyse Lanier and Christopher and Courtney Sarofim.

He expressed appreciation to dinner  
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Special surprise guest Vince Young, right, former Texas Longhorns quarterback and 2006 NFL Rookie of the Year, presented an autographed football to a delighted Dr. Willerson.

## New Imaging Research Facility Dedicated to Detection of Early Stage Disease



Representatives from the UT Health Science Center at Houston, the UT M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and GE HealthCare came together April 10 to break ground for the Center for Advanced Biomedical Imaging Research in the UT Research Park. Photos by John Everett.

Ground was broken April 10 at The University of Texas Research Park in Houston for a joint research facility dedicated to developing novel agents and

imaging technologies that detect heart disease, cancer and other illnesses at their earliest – and most treatable or preventable – stages.

A collaboration between The University of

Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and in cooperation with GE Healthcare and the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Center for Advanced Biomedical Imaging Research brings together the resources and expertise of academia, government and industry to take imaging beyond its current capacity of visualizing the body's anatomy.

Scheduled for completion in late 2009, the six-story Center for Advanced Biomedical Imaging Research is the fourth building to be constructed and one of six centers that will comprise M. D. Anderson's Red and Charline McCombs Institute for the Early Detection and Treatment of Cancer. The McCombs Institute is sited on the UT Research Park.

The 315,000-square-foot

building will accommodate state-of-the-art research laboratories for synthetic and analytical chemistry, biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology and facilities for production of clinical-grade imaging agents such as radiopharmaceuticals, nanoparticle-based agents, gene-reporter and cellular tracers.

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Architectural rendering of the new Imaging Research Facility

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### Food for the Hungry

Join in helping the Houston Food Bank in its fight against hunger in the 18 Southeast Texas counties. This private, non-profit organization, a certified member of America's Second Harvest – the Nation's Food Bank Network, seeks food donations which are distributed to local charitable programs. Here's how you can help.

- Donate food: During the UT Health Science Center Food Drive, June 13-27, place canned and non-perishable packaged foods in the Food Drive boxes throughout the Texas Medical Center campus.
- Donate cash through the online virtual food drive at <https://secure.houstonfoodbank.org/spiritoftexas/>.
- Donate your time. Volunteers are essential in helping the Food Bank reach more than 250,000 hungry people each month. For more information, visit <http://houstonfoodbank.org/Volunteers/Default.aspx>.



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