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## Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease funds new caregiver support and educational programs in honor of Edith Royal

Austin, TX (February 20, 2017): The Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease announces the funding of the 2017 Edith T. Royal Care Initiative. This series of trainings, support opportunities, and disease-specific education will be offered to the general public, caregivers and those affected by AD through Alzheimer's Texas, a charitable organization founded in 1982 that provides education, support services, respite care, and professional training to individuals and families dealing with AD and related diseases in central Texas.

"We are honored to receive the 2017 Edith T. Royal Care Initiative grant funding. Alzheimer's Texas proudly supports the great work of the Darrel K Royal Fund for Alzheimer's Research and their commitment to excellence in research and care for Texans. This effort named in honor of Mrs. Royal will go far in providing meaningful, quality services and programs to caregivers in Texas," states Christian Wells, President of Alzheimer's Texas.

The 2017 services that will be offered to the community include 45+ monthly caregiver support groups, a monthly Alzheimer's 101 class, a caregiver education series, Lewy Body dementia education forum, the Annual Alzheimer's Symposium on April 28, 2017, tele-group support, Effective Communication classes offered throughout Central Texas, among many other programs. For specific schedules, please visit: <a href="www.txalz.org">www.txalz.org</a>.

The DKR Research Fund's officers include Ava Late, Chair; Ben Crenshaw, Vice-Chair; Debbie Hanna, President; and Directors Julie Crenshaw, Rita Hortenstine, David Kazen, Mike Myers, Laurée Moffett, and Don Reese.

The board of advisors includes Beau Armstrong, Mack Brown, Lisa Dawson, Eloise DeJoria, Frank Denius, Melissa Edwards, Larry Gatlin, Angie Harmon, Alfred Jackson, Red McCombs, Matthew McConaughey, Jim Bob Moffett, Kit Moncrief, Willie Nelson, and Corby Robertson.

## About the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease

Established in 2012, the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease is building a legacy of lasting significance in honor of a man whose contributions to the lives of so many cannot be measured. The DKR Fund is taking a lead in providing a high profile and increased national awareness of Alzheimer's Disease (AD), as well as Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and related diseases. With no cure or drugs currently available to alter the course of these diseases, the DKR Fund is helping advance the pace of research by funding researchers in the state of Texas. Coach Royal's legacy continues to give a voice and face to a disease that has too long been hidden behind closed doors. For more information, visit www.dkrfund.org.