UT-Dallas Callier Center names directorship in honor of longtime staffer

The University of Texas at Dallas’ Callier Center for Communication Disorders is honoring Dr. Ludwig A. Michael with a directorship that will bear his name and support future Callier research.

Michael is a hearing and speech specialist who has served as a Callier trustee and former board president. The permanent endowment, established through an initial gift of $200,000 from the Communities Foundation of Texas, creates the Ludwig A. Michael M.D. Callier Center Executive Directorship.

Additional gifts will become part of a campaign to raise $300,000 more to support the director’s research. The gifts also count toward Callier’s $8 million campaign goal as part of UTD’s Realize the Vision campaign.

First to hold the directorship will be Dr. Thomas Campbell, executive director of the Callier Center and a professor in the UTD School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. The endowment will support his investigation of the variables in early identification of speech and language disorders in children.

After earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees in communication disorders at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Campbell earned his Ph.D. in communicative disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He worked at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, on the University of Pittsburgh faculty and at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh before joining the UTD faculty in 2006.

“The endowing of this position has been a longtime goal of the university and is an important step in Callier’s continued tradition of excellence,” said Dr. Bert Moore, dean of UTD’s School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. “To be able to honor Ludwig Michael with this directorship is most fitting.”

The honoree’s wife, Carmen Michael, echoed that sentiment. “When Dean Moore called me about Callier Center’s wish to establish the directorship in honor of Ludwig, I was very much pleased and wanted to help support it,” she said.
Michael received a bachelor of arts and a medical degree from New York University and completed otolaryngology work at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

He came to Dallas in 1948 after serving at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Michael was chief of otolaryngology at Baylor Medical Center and served on the clinical faculty of UT Southwestern Medical Center. His wife is a member of the Henry S. Miller commercial real estate family.

“This gift is vital to the future of the Callier Center and the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences,” Campbell said. “It is another example of the enormous generosity by the Michaels and other donors to the directorship in support of our university.”