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## **Hidalgo County District Clerk Office Presents \$3,000 to Palmer Drug Abuse Program**

**Edinburg, Texas** – The Hidalgo County District Clerk Office presented today a check totaling \$3,000 to the Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) of McAllen as part of their *Blues for Bucks Workplace Fundraising Campaign*, a program benefiting local charitable organizations. PDAP is a fellowship of young people and parents who share their experience, love and understanding that they may solve their common problems and help others recover from the effects of mind-changing chemicals. PDAP is non-sectarian and the primary requirement for membership is the desire to live a chemical free life.

"I clearly remember the day I received the call from the district clerk office letting me know that PDAP had been selected as the recipient of this most generous contribution," said Cynthia Morales, PDAP Executive Director. "We are so honored to accept this donation. We are truly grateful and continue to be blessed to serve our community through the district clerk office's support. We are extremely grateful their belief in our cause."

The district clerk office kicked off their charitable efforts in 2008 as part of the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women* campaign. The program, which allows department staff to wear jeans every Friday in exchange for a \$5 donation, has since then expanded their efforts through the creation of a "charitable organizations list" of which staff randomly selects a recipient every six months. Over the past four years the district clerk office has collected over \$27,000 which has gone to local charitable organizations throughout Hidalgo County.

"What started off as a "casual Friday" has turned into a wonderful way for our staff to give back to the community," said Hinojosa. "We are delighted to contribute to PDAP's efforts in helping members of our community recover from drug abuse or other substances."

For more information regarding the PDAP call 956.687.7714 or log on to <http://www.palmerdrugabuse.com/>.

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