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Hidalgo County District Clerk Office Presents \$3,250 to Boys & Girls Club of McAllen

Edinburg, Texas – The Hidalgo County District Clerk Office presented today a check totaling \$3,250 to the *Boys & Girls Club of McAllen* as part of their *Blues for Bucks Workplace Fundraising Campaign*, a program benefiting local charitable organizations.

The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen began in 1966 and today is one of the fastest growing Clubs in the nation. With five Traditional Sites, five Afterschool Alliance Sites, and six 21st Century Sites and an annual operating budget of \$3 million, the Boys & Girls Club of McAllen has grown to meet the needs of the more than 10,000 members. The organization offers youth members' relationships with caring, professional staff and mentors. They are committed to giving children safe, affordable, fun alternatives to the streets and helping to change lives of the youth they serve.

"The Boys & Girls Club of McAllen is extremely grateful to the Hidalgo County District Clerk staff for thinking of us at this time," said Normalynda Zepeda, Resource Developer. "It is nice to know that people want to invest in our kids and our worthwhile organization. We are thankful for their contribution."

The district clerk office kicked off their charitable efforts in 2008. 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 \$30,000 which has gone to local charitable organizations throughout Hidalgo County.

"District clerk staff is honored to be able to contribute, in a small way, to the Boys & Girls Club of McAllen and their mission," said Hinojosa. "I am particularly proud of my staff, who through these ongoing efforts, have fostered the true meaning of 'public service'."

For more information about the *Boys & Girls Club of McAllen*, call 956.682.5791 or log on to <http://www.bgcmcallen.org>.

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