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### **DISTRICT CLERK STAFF RAISES \$3,200 FOR THE NATIONAL BUTTERFLY CENTER**

**Edinburg, Texas** – Hidalgo County District Clerk Staff presented a check today totaling \$3,200 to the *National Butterfly Center* as part of their *Blues for Bucks Workplace Fundraising Campaign* to benefit local charitable organizations.

Located in Mission, Texas near the Rio Grande River, the National Butterfly Center is committed to connecting people, plants, and the “winged wonders” that pollinate and propagate all that grows around us. The Center showcases live animals and plants, in wild and cultivated settings, with educational exhibits to enhance human understanding and appreciation of the parties and processes that create beneficial and sustainable ecosystems.

“Receiving this special contribution from the staff at the Hidalgo County District Clerk’s office is wonderful,” asserts Marianna Trevino-Wright, Executive Director of the Center. “And it could not have come at a better time! Summer time in the Rio Grande Valley is stressful for plants and animals, not to mention our equipment and employees; so this gift is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. We hope to return wonder for wonder, by recognizing everyone who participated with a permanent bed in our ever-growing garden.”

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 \$33,000 which has gone to local charitable organizations throughout Hidalgo County.

“Giving back is the least we can do as public servants and as members of this community,” said Hinojosa. “I’m glad our staff is able to contribute in a small way to organizations like the Butterfly Center that rely on community support to continue doing the wonderful work that they do.”

The National Butterfly Center is open to the public, for visitors and members, seven days/week. To learn more about the National Butterfly Center, and how you can join us, visit [www.nationalbutterflycenter.org](http://www.nationalbutterflycenter.org), or call 956.583.5400. Your annual membership or charitable gift impacts the beauty of our community and helps preserve the biologically diverse, natural treasures of deep South Texas.

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