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## **Hidalgo County District Clerk Staff raises \$3,000 for the Food Bank of the RGV**

**Edinburg, Texas** – The Hidalgo County District Clerk Office presented a check today totaling \$3,000 to the *Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley* as part of their *Blues for Bucks Workplace Fundraising Campaign*, a program benefitting local charitable organizations.

“Our Blues for Bucks program is a great way for our staff to become engaged and contribute to worthy causes in our community such as the Food Bank of the RGV,” said Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk. “We are honored to help support an organization that is committed to overcoming poverty and hunger in our community and is making a huge difference in lives of children and families throughout the region.”

The Food Bank of the RGV was founded in 1983 and incorporated in 1986 to serve as a clearinghouse for smaller food pantries and on-site feeding organizations. It serves as a champion to those organizations who focus on making food accessible to the Valley and is passionately committed to ending hunger. The Food Bank of the RGV is currently affiliated with Feeding America and the Texas Food Bank Network and has grown to become the 36th largest in the nation and 5th largest in Texas based on distribution. It currently serves Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron Counties.

“We are grateful for this amazing contribution from the Hidalgo County District Clerk Office,” Terri Drefke, Chief Executive Officer, said. “This contribution will help us provide 15,000 healthy meals for children right here in the RGV.”

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 five years the district clerk office has collected over \$40,000 which has gone to local charitable organizations throughout Hidalgo County.

Learn more about the Food Bank of the RGV and their efforts by calling 956.682.7921 or by visiting [www.foodbankrgv.com](http://www.foodbankrgv.com).

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