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DISTRICT CLERK STAFF RAISES \$3,000 FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Edinburg, Texas – Hidalgo County District Clerk Staff presented a check today totaling \$3,000 to *Ronald McDonald House Charities of the RGV*, as part of their *Blues for Bucks Workplace Fundraising Campaign* to benefit local charitable organizations.

Ronald McDonald House Charities provides a home-away-from-home for families whose seriously-ill children are receiving medical care at local hospitals and clinics. Since their doors opened in 1998, more than 1,500 families have called the Rio Grande Valley's Ronald McDonald House home. Although based out of Harlingen, the Ronald McDonald House currently hosts a "Family Room" in the Edinburg Children's Hospital offering families with sick children a place to stay.

"We are grateful and commend the district clerk staff for their efforts," says LaHuan Guthrie, Development Manager at the Ronald McDonald House. "We want to continue to support more children throughout their recovery and give more families a comfortable place to stay during their difficult time. Its people like the district clerk staff that help us provide stable and vital resources to children in need."

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 \$36,000 which has gone to local charitable organizations throughout Hidalgo County.

"We are blessed beyond belief and welcome the opportunity to give back, as little as it may be," says Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk. "We are humbled to partner with Ronald McDonald House Charities of the RGV as they work diligently to make a difference in the lives of sick children and families in Hidalgo County and beyond."

Learn more about the Ronald McDonald House of the RGV by calling 956.412.7200 or logon to their website at www.rmhcrgv.org.

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