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**DISTRICT CLERK STAFF RAISES \$3,000
FOR RAINBOW ROOM OF MCALLEN**

Edinburg, Texas – Hidalgo County District Clerk Staff presented a check today to the Rainbow Room of McAllen in the amount of \$3,000, as part of their *Blues for Bucks Workplace Fundraising Campaign*, which benefits local charitable organizations.

The program, which allows department staff to wear jeans every Friday in exchange for a \$5 donation, was established in 2008. Since then the office has expanded its efforts through the creation of a “charitable organizations list” of which staff randomly selects a recipient every six months. Over the past six years the district clerk office has collected over \$46,000, which has gone to local charitable organizations throughout Hidalgo County.

“Its been a great experience to see my staff give back to their community through this workplace effort,” said Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk. “Seeing the total amount raised during our check presentations really puts things into perspective and is a true testament to what can be done when we work together towards a good cause.”

The Rainbow Room allows CPS Caseworkers to provide families in crisis with the most basic needs which may include: snack food items, baby formula, clothing, diapers, grooming supplies, blankets and school supplies, among other necessities. These much needed resources help keep families together through traumatic times and can be equally critical in facilitating a relationship between CPS Caseworkers and the families they serve.

“It is inspiring to see District Clerk Staff take the initiative to give back to our community,” said Emma Menchaca, CPS Regional Rainbow Room Coordinator. “We feel very fortunate and humbled by their generosity. We are grateful that our kiddos will benefit so much from their contributions.”

To learn more about the Rainbow Room of McAllen, log on to:

<http://mcallenrainbowroom.org>.

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