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Hidalgo County District Clerk's Office Presents Check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Edinburg, Texas - The Hidalgo County District Clerk's Office presented today a check totaling \$2,500.00 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation as part of their *Blues for Bucks* Workplace Fundraising Campaign to benefit local charitable organizations. The program allows department staff to wear jeans every Friday in exchange for a \$5 donation.

"I am extremely proud of our staff for their support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and their willingness to give back to their community. They are extremely elated to see their efforts going towards a cause that helps grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions," said Hinojosa.

The District Clerk's Office kicked off their charitable efforts in 2008 as part of the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women* campaign. The office has since then expanded their efforts through the creation of a "charitable organizations list" of which staff randomly selects a recipient every six months.

"Right now in our Rio Grande Valley, there are dozens of children who are battling life-threatening medical conditions. They have had to put their childhoods on hold and deal daily with more pain and fear than any child should experience. That is why, when we can, we invite them to close their eyes and Make-A-Wish! Then we use a bit of magic, a little hard work, some help from our friends, and a lot of love to make their wish come true. The staff at our District Clerk's office has been an exemplary example of true compassion for our community in their support for these very special children of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Their commendable efforts will help turn a very deserving child's fondest dream into reality. I admire each of them for going above and beyond their very hectic schedules to reach out, lending a helping hand to our children who really need this love and magic in their lives, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart for sharing in the power of a wish." said Ava Sandlin, Make-A-Wish Foundation Executive Director.

For more information on volunteer opportunities or making a contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, log on to www.riograndevally.wish.org or contact Ava Sandlin in the McAllen office at (956) 686-9474.

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