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## Hidalgo County District Clerk Office Presents Check to the Palm Valley Animal Center

**Edinburg, Texas** – The Hidalgo County District Clerk Staff presented today a check totaling \$2,500 to the Palm Valley Animal Center as part of their *Blues for Bucks* Workplace Fundraising Campaign to benefit local charitable organizations. The Palm Valley Animal Center is a private, non-profit, open-door animal welfare agency serving the needs of animals, pet owners and the community at large and is the only animal shelter serving Hidalgo County.

“Our staff is pleased to be able to give back to the community through our workplace fundraising campaign. Although our staff contributions are small, we recognize their significant affect on many of the nonprofit organizations that rely solely on the local support of their community,” said Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk.

The district clerk office kicked off their charitable efforts in 2008 as part of the American Heart Association’s *Go Red for Women* campaign. 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 two years the district clerk office has collected over \$10,500 which has gone to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

“The Palm Valley Animal Center greatly appreciates the donations that have been made by the district clerk’s office and their fantastic Blues for Bucks program. It is a great program that serves the community so well and we look forward to putting the money to good use for the homeless, companion animals of Hidalgo County,” said Shannon Ponce, Palm Valley Animal Center Director of Community Outreach. “The money will be used to help purchase much needed supplies for the over 125 animals we receive each day, totaling close to 40,000 each year. Thank you for your support and for choosing the Palm Valley Animal Center as this donation cycle’s recipient. The homeless animals and our staff extend a huge thank you!”

For more information on volunteer opportunities or making a contribution to the Palm Valley Animal Center, log on to <http://palmvalleyanimalcenter.org/> or contact Shannon Ponce at (956) 686-1141 ext. 26, or [development@palmvalleyanimalcenter.org](mailto:development@palmvalleyanimalcenter.org).

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