

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties, a non-profit organization with Centers in Mission, Edinburg, Roma and Weslaco, was established in the year 2000 with a mission to reduce the emotional trauma of child abuse victims, provide community education about the prevention of child abuse and to assist in the effective prosecution of those who perpetrate crimes against children; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties is one of 881 Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide, one of 68 in Texas and the first child-focused facility & community-based program of its kind in Hidalgo and Starr Counties; and

WHEREAS, in FY2023 the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties, gave Hope, Healing and Justice to 2147 victims of child abuse by providing a safe haven with a child-friendly, non-institutional environment where young victims are not afraid to tell their story; and

WHEREAS, services include immediate crisis intervention, forensic interviews, forensic exams, family advocacy, mental health services, and community education; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness and funds for the organization, the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties is having the annual Vinos Wine Extravaganza! at the McAllen Convention Center Ballroom on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm, featuring delicious food, fine wines and amazing entertainment by Premier Showband Electric Circus and local favorite Dr. No.

NOW, THEREFORE, We the City Council of the City of Mission, support this event to raise funds to support the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties in their mission to stop child abuse, one child at a time and give victims of child abuse the opportunity for a bright future.

PROCLAIMED on this the 25th day of March, 2024.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman