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Valde Guerra  
Executive Officer  
Hidalgo County  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Re: Requesting permission to use Hidalgo County facilities

Dear Mr. Guerra,

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Hidalgo County, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that speaks for the best interest of abused and neglected children during court proceedings. During fiscal year 2010, a total of 2,593 children were confirmed to be abused and neglected within Hidalgo County. These children have been removed from their families and placed in the custody of the State until safe and permanent placement can be obtained.

The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, of Hidalgo County, encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Hidalgo County a better place for families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and communities.

Every year, CASA and our social services community partners organize a Candlelight Vigil to remember the children who lost their lives due to abuse and neglect. This year, our Vigil will take place on April 6, 2011. We would like to use the Hidalgo County Courthouse grounds for this event. Every year we post our banner outside the courthouse during the month of April as part of the National Abuse Prevention Month. I respectfully ask for the County's permission to post our banner and six (6) wooden crosses to represent the children who have lost their lives.

I hope to receive a favorable response.

If you have any questions and/or if further information is needed you may contact me at (956) 381-0346 or via email [lmorales@casaofhidalgo.com](mailto:lmorales@casaofhidalgo.com)

Respectfully,

  
Linda Gonzalez  
Executive Director