

April 14, 2015

Doctors Hospital at Renaissance  
& Women's Hospital at Renaissance  
Attn: Ron Tupper, Senior Healthcare Consultant  
DHR, Grants & Foundation Programs  
5501 South McColl Road  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Mr. Tupper:

As Hidalgo County Judge, I am writing in strong support of the Doctors Hospital at Renaissance and Women's Hospital at Renaissance's Nurse Family Partnership application for funding to the Health and Human Services Commission under RFP 529-16-0003. This program has been a substantial benefit to at-risk mothers in our community and provides an important public health service.

The program provides essential visiting services by registered nurses in the homes of expectant mothers to promote prenatal health and continues to provide home based services through the first two years of the child's life. This type of service is greatly needed in our community, as many women lack the resources necessary to access critical health services before, during and after their pregnancy. Having this evidenced-based, nurse home visitation program for first-time mothers and their children in our community has had a profound impact on their lives.

The need in our community is great, but we are a community that works together to help those who are the most vulnerable. Nurse Family Partnership will continue to be an important addition to the resources we can provide and we look forward to working with this program for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Ramon Garcia  
Hidalgo County Judge