

Safe Haven for Kids Emergency Shelter



December 4, 2018

Honorable Judge Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
100 E. Cano 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

RE: Section 381.004 (f) Local Government Code

Dear Judge Garcia,

Safe Haven for Kids is an Emergency Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children located in Hidalgo County, we are requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$75,000 from Section 381.004 (f) of the Local Government Code which states **"The commissioners court of a county may support a Children's Advocacy Center that provides services to abused children"**

The funding will allow Safe Haven for Kids to open its doors in early 2019 and provide a much-needed service that has not been available to Abused Children in Hidalgo County for many years.

Although not "Officially" open yet, Safe Haven for Kids has provided a safe loving home for over 50 children over the last few months, children that would otherwise be spending nights at the local Child Protective Services Offices.

Safe Haven for Kids will be licensed for 14 children and have the capacity to house 21 children. Even with that capacity, we will not be able to take in every child that is removed from their home. So far this year in Hidalgo County there have been 469 children removed from their home. For that reason, our goal is to expand and build additional cottages to house more children in the near future. The shelter sets on 2.5 acres outside the city limits of Alamo.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (956) 515-5437 or please come by and see the secure environment we have created to care for the hurting children in Hidalgo County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Ridling".

Angela Ridling
Executive Director

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