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Mr. Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu
Precinct 2 Commissioner
300 West Hall Acres, Suite G
Pharr, Texas 78596

Dear Commissioner Cantu,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$25,000 in 2024. Your heartfelt commitment positively changed the lives of 157 children and youth in foster care we served last year, and we are grateful to you; they mean so much to us.

For over 25 years, Foster Angels of South Texas has served over 50,000 children and youth who need help that only we can provide. We continue to respond quickly and efficiently to daily requests so this vulnerable, young population no longer have to live in a constant state of question. The Department of Family & Protective Services reports 414 children in foster care with 86 foster youth preparing for adulthood in Hidalgo County alone. We successfully assisted 433 children and youth in foster care in Hidalgo County in 2024.

We would like to introduce you to Aiden, a young man in Hidalgo County who lived a happy life with his adoptive family who promised him a lifetime of stability and love. Then Aiden turned 18; this promise was broken and his "family" kicked him out of their home. He was homeless for at least two months. We intervened quickly with our State partners to help Aiden with the application fee and deposit for an apartment that would give him a home of his own. We remain committed to helping Aiden as he pursues his healing journey through the necessary mental health services. He has been abandoned, emotionally neglected, and lived experiences on the street that are unimaginable. He is no longer alone.

Our assistance for children and youth like Aiden is made possible with support just like yours, and provides life-changing items, experiences, and resources that they have had to live without. We appreciate you for creating a positive childhood foundation and making a long-term impact.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Hilary Jackson in black ink.

Hilary Jackson
Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Lucy Ann Wolthoff in black ink.

Lucy Ann Wolthoff
Rio Grande Valley Director