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

Dear Commissioner Cantu,

Karime is a young lady working towards becoming a medical assistant at Southern Careers Institute; a step towards a fulfilling nursing career. Her financial aid left an out-of-pocket balance of \$150 that Karime was unable to pay. Terrified of disrupting her educational journey, she submitted a request for assistance and we were able to keep her on track - with your generous funding. She is now completing the program on time, on March 26, 2026. As she moves toward a full-time position at a doctor's office and living independently, she's free of her past in foster care. We have you to thank: your gift not only encouraged her to keep working towards her dream, you made it a reality.

We successfully served over 507 children and youth in Hidalgo County in 2025, making up more than 19% of the total children we helped. As we move further into 2026, we continue to respond to their needs within 48 hours and provide their requested assistance in less than one week. We remain the go-to resource for many frontline agencies and organizations in your community who need help only we can provide, with support like yours. We ask that you keep foster youth like Karime, and so many like her, in your heart through a gift in the amount of \$25,000.

For two years, your generous support has impacted the lives of 285 children and youth in foster care in Hidalgo County. Your dedication to their wellbeing, education, and healthy childhood foundation shows a clear understanding of the abuse and neglect they have experienced and the trauma they continue to navigate. We are eternally grateful to you.

Thank you again for investing in the futures of children and youth in Hidalgo County and giving them hope. It means more than you know.

With sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary Jackson".

Hilary Jackson  
*Executive Director*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Ann Wolthoff".

Lucy Ann Wolthoff  
*Rio Grande Valley Director*