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Harris County Clerk Kicks Off Second Annual Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive Benefitting Young Victims of Sexual Abuse

(Houston, TX) – The Harris County Clerk's Office (HCCO) is kicking off its second annual *Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive*, November 1 through December 3, 2021, at all of its 11 locations. The toy drive will benefit the <u>Children's Assessment Center</u> (CAC), which serves nearly 5,000 abused children.

"The holidays can be a difficult time, especially for children living in the aftermath of child abuse," **said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth.** "The Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive provides an opportunity to help bring a sense of normalcy, positivity, and hopefully some happiness to these young survivors."

The CAC's mission is to provide a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children and to serve as an advocate for all children in our community.

"Every holiday season, we depend on the generosity of others to ensure this special time of the year will be filled with joyful memories for the children we serve," **said Whitney Olivares with the Children's Assessment Center.** "We are excited that the Harris County Clerk's Office is once again supporting our holiday program by holding the Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive to benefit our clients."

"There are many worthwhile causes to help those in need, but consider donating to the Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive," **added Clerk Hudspeth.** "Last year, our Clerks really stepped up to help provide gifts for many children and teens that may have otherwise gone without. We are hoping the public joins us this year, so we can provide even more."

HCCO is accepting new, unwrapped toys or gifts for children up to 17 years of age. Donations can be dropped off our main office located at 201 Caroline, Suite 460 or at any annex location, <u>click here to find</u> an office near you. For additional information call 713-274-8600.

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