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Second Annual Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive Surpasses Last Year's Collection

(Houston, TX) – The Harris County Clerk's Office (HCCO) is happy to announce that its second annual *Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive* surpassed the amount of toys and gifts collected the previous year. This was possible thanks to the generosity of its employees and the members of community who donated to this great cause. Hundreds of toys and gift items were collected for children and teens that are treated at <u>The Children's Assessment Center</u> (CAC). The CAC provides a safe haven for sexually abused children and their families, and serves as an advocate for all children in our community.

"Seeing our staff and the community come together for such a great cause is something that we have been looking forward to all year," **said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth.** "No child should go without presents for the holidays, especially children that have suffered such traumatic experiences."

Last year, Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth launched the first ever Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive to help brighten the holidays for the many children served by the CAC. The very successful 2020 toy drive was hosted for two weeks at HCCO's main office. This year's toy drive was held for a month and donation bins were placed at all of HCCO's 11 offices.

"The CAC appreciates the continuous support of the Harris County Clerk's Office during the holidays," **said Executive Director Kerry McCracken**. "Getting a toy means so much to our kids. It gives them a sense of normalcy and lets them know that someone cares. It truly helps in the healing process."

Clerk Hudspeth thanks her Clerks for Christmas Toy Drive volunteers, staff, and everyone who donated to the toy drive! All the toys and gift items were delivered to the CAC on Tuesday, December 7.

Happy holidays from the Harris County Clerk's Office!

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