



HIDALGO COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

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YOUR DONATION TO HCBF SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS!

Celebrate Freedom Courthouse Tours and Classroom Speaker Bureau is an educational program held in November of each year. Communities across Texas celebrate our system of justice through educational activities aimed at emphasizing the third branch of government and its important role in ensuring democracy and equality. During **Celebrate Freedom** week volunteer lawyers and judges, in conjunction with the Hidalgo County Bar Association, the HCBF, and the State Bar of Texas, educate the public and students about the justice system and the crucial role of Lawyers, Judges and Juries. Also discussed is the significance of the judicial branch of government and its impact on the daily life of every Texan.

Community Justice Program (CJP) has a mission to provide equal access to justice impoverished residents of the Rio Grande Valley by matching those in need of legal assistance with volunteer attorneys who have agreed to represent them without charge. The CJP volunteer attorneys have assisted countless poor families with legal problems.

Hidalgo County Bar Foundation Public Service Fund is a program offering grant opportunities to other non-profit, charitable, and educational organizations.

Hidalgo County Bar Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund offers scholarship opportunities to the Hidalgo County college seniors who will be attending law school. The HCBF awards a \$1,500 scholarship.

Holiday Toy Drive HCBF donates funds for the purchase of toys for under-represented age groups. The organizations supported through our toy drive deliver hundreds of toys to area underprivileged children who otherwise might not get toys for Christmas. This year the HCBF benefited over 420 children living in Hidalgo County Colonias.

Law Day is an educational program that is held in May of each year. The HCBF coordinates and orchestrates educational programs in Hidalgo County schools including photo, poster, and essay contests. The winning entry of each category is sent to the State Bar of Texas for competition with other entries from around the state. At the state competition level, the top three entries in each category are awarded cash awards.

Mock Trial Competitions is an educational program conducted each year in partnership with the State Bar of Texas and Region One Education Service Center. High school students are challenged to develop good communication and critical thinking skills, to experience examination and cross-examination of clients, and to generate opening and closing statements. Opportunities for scholarship awards for winning teams exist at the regional, state and national competitions.

"Fiesta de Gracias" Thanksgiving Food Drive supports local food banks and economically disadvantaged families by conducting law office and county office food drives and by making monetary donations. Last year the HCBF raised \$8,000 and benefited over 900 families.