



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

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RE: Fort Bend County Social Services Department Grant Request

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter is submitted in support of a grant application for the Fort Bend County Social Services Department. Among the various support programs provided by the Social Services Department one program offers an important, yet unique community service to residents. The *Walk with Pride Shoe Program* provides school-aged children with a pair of new shoes for the start of the school year. Usually, more than 1,000 qualified families apply and those who can be served eagerly anticipate the issuance of this service and the huge smiles it brings to the faces of the children outfitted with a proper pair of shoes.

In addition, the Social Services Department provides emergency support to residents who are resource deficient to deal with unforeseen emergencies, living expenses, or simple repairs. Often assistance from the short-term *Unmet Emergency Needs Program* can make the difference for a family trying to deal with their problems on a more long-term basis.

In order to reach more residents with these programs we are requesting funding support from The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation. Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has given full approval and support to the Social Services Department to apply for grant support of these programs.

I appreciate your assistance in giving consideration to this request. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Hebert", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

cc: Anna Gonzales, Director
Social Services Department