



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 11/21/2023

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO USE THE FAMILY LAW CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM AND WAIVE RENTAL FEE FOR THE RALLY FOR EDUCATION 29TH ANNUAL SANTA GOES TO JAIL EVENT**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the use of the Family Law Center Assembly Room on December 8, 2023, and waive the rental fee for the Rally for Education 29th Annual Santa Goes to Jail Event.

BACKGROUND

Santa Goes to Jail is an annual event sponsored by Rally for Education and the Clifford Davis Legal Association. The purpose of the event is to educate youth from local school districts about the law and to enhance education about the judicial system. Santa Goes to Jail is a play that allows students to experience every aspect of a criminal trial, with students playing all major roles associated with court proceedings. Lunch is served and a gift bag is distributed to each student which includes socks, wool gloves, a hat or scarf, book bags, books, school supplies, etc. In addition, there is an essay contest in conjunction with the event with prizes for winners.

This event has previously won the Nancy Garms Award from the State Bar of Texas recognizing outstanding contributions to law-focused education in the State of Texas.

The event is free and all items are either donated or money is raised separately for the event. The sponsoring entities do not have any employees. Speakers and participants include local District Judges and other elected officials, teachers, and citizens.

An indemnification letter has been signed and submitted by Rally For Education President, Bobbie Edmonds.

Tarrant County has supported the Santa Goes to Jail event for over twenty (20) years by making a large County meeting room available.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will waive the \$1,000.00 rental fee.

SUBMITTED BY:	Facilities Management	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Mike Amador
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