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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

*The Hispanic Active Relationship Project of Cameron County Opens a Call for Nominations for the annual "Matrimonio Magnifico" Awards Event*

**BROWNSVILLE – February 13, 2007** – In celebration of "National Healthy Marriage Week," the H.A.R.P. CC project is calling for nominations for great marriages in Cameron County to be honored at the inaugural *Matrimonio Magnifico* event on April 15, 2007 at the Brownsville Events Center.

Cameron County Judge Carlos H. Cascos officially opened the call for nominations last February 7, 2007 at the Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the H.A.R.P. CC project. All Cameron County citizens are invited to nominate a married couple who they believe demonstrate a model marriage.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 2, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and announcements of selected couples will be made by Friday, March 23, 2007. Please visit [www.harppcc.com](http://www.harppcc.com) to download a nomination form or call Gloria Cavazos at (956) 544-7165.

**About the H.A.R.P. CC Project**

H.A.R.P. CC is a five-year project awarded to Cameron County by the Department of Health and Services (DHHS) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The program's objective is to "build strong marriages for healthy families," in Cameron County. The H.A.R.P. CC project's goal is to reach 400 Cameron County couples per year to strengthen existing marriages, prepare those considering marriage, or help those who are not married and who have children together establish stable co-parenting relationships for their children. Additionally, the program plans to educate 240 Cameron County youth on important conflict resolution, emotion management and vital communication skills for healthy relationships.

**About "National Healthy Marriage Week"**

Marriage Week USA, February 7-14, 2007

Occurring annually during the week before Valentine's Day, the purpose of Marriage Week USA is to celebrate the importance of marriage in our communities. It's an opportunity to celebrate marriages within your own family or to work with others in your community to highlight the importance of healthy marriages.

For more information, visit [www.HARPPCC.com](http://www.HARPPCC.com) on the Internet, send e-mail [gmcavazos@harppcc.com](mailto:gmcavazos@harppcc.com) or call (956) 544-7165.

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