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MEMO

TO: Collin County Commissioners

FROM: Greg Willis *GW*

DATE: March 5, 2019

RE: Donation to Emily's Place

The Collin County District Attorney will donate \$2,500 from the District Attorney State Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund (Fund 1037) to benefit Emily's Place.

This donation is authorized by Texas law. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 59.06 (d-2) states in part that "an attorney representing the state may use as an official purpose of the agency...to make a donation to an entity that assists in...(1) the detection, investigation, or prosecution of ...criminal offenses...or instances of abuse....; (2) the provision of...services for victims or witnesses of criminal offenses or instances of abuse...."

As a provider of long-term housing for domestic violence survivors, the purpose and work of Emily's Place squarely fits within the plain words of the statute.

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