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Harlingen to be Location for Filming of Family Movie

Harlingen, Texas– The Harlingen City Commission this evening approved a resolution that will place Harlingen front and center in the movie “Gift of an Angel” which began filming here this week.

After a brief tour last month, Heart of Christmas LLC, a film production company based in Texas with offices in Los Angeles, and the United Kingdom, chose Harlingen as the principal location for the filming of the movie which stars Alyssa Milano, Christian de la Fuente, Angel Parker, and Eva Ariel Binder.

The film centers around a social worker (Milano) who helps find a temporary home for a young girl (Binder) separated from her mother at the U.S/Mexico border, with a woman who has lost her own family (Parker).

The film crew will use several Harlingen locations including Downtown Jackson Street, Downtown City Offices, and the Harlingen Municipal Court as the backdrops and sites for the film.

The filming will be done during the months of November and possibly December for a minimum of 22 days.

The resolution approved by the Commission calls for an Economic Development Program grant of \$5,000. City Manager Dan Serna says this is an economic and showcasing opportunity that has an economic value that far exceeds the City’s contribution. “The company is recognizing the City of Harlingen as the filming location in its marketing efforts and press releases and the movie

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will include a closing credit recognizing the City of Harlingen as the filming location. So this is advertising that will be ever-lasting and we're excited about the possibilities that will result from this. ”

Meantime, the production crew and cast will stay in Harlingen hotels during the filming, use only dining, retail, and other service establishments which are located in Harlingen during that time period which in itself will be an economic boost for local businesses.

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