

Monday 28, 2022 at 5pm

Re: Casa Ruben Inc. Pediatric Mobile Vehicle Special Appropriation

Montgomery County Council Public Hearing:

My name is Heidi De la Cruz, and I fully support the Special Appropriation of Montgomery County Council. I have known about the work of Casa Ruben Inc. and Dr. Peralta for over 10 years and understand the medical care they have provided to unaccompanied minors and asylum seekers without remuneration.

I am the mother of 3 girls with chronic health conditions. Dr. Peralta has been able to open the doors to a higher level of health care for my children. She educated the family, took time to address our complex needs and has followed up with my family beyond her call of duty and without hesitation.

Based on the example of Casa Ruben Inc. and how they provide access to communities in need, I volunteered with CRI during the Pandemic and offered by services to assist in delivering COVID-19 vaccinations to Montgomery County Public Schools. This was a partnership of Casa Ruben Inc, which had the COVID-19 vaccinations for children 5-11 years, and Holly Cross Hospital. Despite having no funding allocated for vaccinations reimbursement, CRI was organized and ready to go with COVID-19 children 5-11 years vaccinations from day one of the FDA/CDC approval.

As a mother and care coordinator of unaccompanied minors, I fully support Casa Ruben Inc's Pediatric Mobile Medical Vehicle to Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Heidi De La Cruz