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More Than 500 Children Participate in Clerk's Office Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Activities

CHICAGO (May 2, 2005) - The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, welcomed more than 500 energetic children, ages 7 to 17, to her office to learn about their parents' professions and office functions on April 28 to commemorate the national observance of "Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

"I had a wonderful time meeting so many inquisitive children," said Clerk Brown. "It was an honor to introduce society's future leaders to the many career opportunities in our office."

Children in the Daley Center began their day by meeting Clerk Brown and learning about her job responsibilities. For the remainder of the day, youth in outlying Clerk's Office locations as well as at the Daley Center participated in activities that included shadowing their parents, touring the Clerk's Office and meeting Circuit Court judges.

At the end of the day, all children received certificates of participation and souvenirs as reminders of their Clerk's Office experience.

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," created by the Ms. Foundation for Women, is an expanded version of the original "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" established in 1993. The program adheres to its original purpose of expanding girls' understanding of career options and encouraging equal opportunities for women in the workplace. Now it brings boys alongside girls to address issues that both genders will confront in the workplace. The 2005 theme for the day was "Sharing Power and Possibility."



The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (center), poses with children at the Richard J. Daley Center during the Clerk’s Office observance of “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day” on April 28.

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