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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN WILL WELCOME 500 CHILDREN FOR
"TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY"**

CHICAGO --The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, is expecting 500 energetic children to visit the Clerk's Office, **Thursday, April 24, 2008** beginning at **8:00 a.m.**, as participants in the annual observance of "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

At **10:30 a.m.**, Clerk Brown will personally greet more than 300 children in the 10th floor lobby of the **Daley Center, 50 W. Washington**. Clerk Brown will be joined at this assembly by the Clerk's Office mascot, Connie Constant "The Busy Bee," along with the "The Sky Guy," the mascot for the WNBA Chicago Sky.

"I am very excited about having the children visit the Clerk's Office. It is an opportunity for them to observe the work responsibilities of their parent and/or guardian," said Clerk Brown. "It also promotes parent-child bonding on yet another level. By affording our children the opportunity to experience career options, we are providing them an enhanced educational experience and fostering long-term goals."

The children will attend all-day activities in the Daley Center and in outlying Clerk's Office locations, including the five suburban districts.

The "Shadow the Parent" portion of the day is the time for the children to experience what a typical workday is like for their parent or guardian. The Clerk's Office will also present workshops including: "The Cost of Cool," sponsored by Citibank; and "Internet Awareness"/Cyber Bullying, presented by the Sheriff's Youth Services Department. Additionally, Chef Maurice Lyons from the Illinois Institute of Culinary Arts will treat the children to a cooking demonstration, and Macy's is sponsoring a "Dress for Success" Fashion Show.

The 2008 national theme for "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" is *Making Choices for a Better World*, which encourages boys and girls to consider the options they have in order to make choices for a better world.

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," created by the Ms. Foundation for Women in 1993, is an expanded version of the original "Take Our Daughters to Work Day." The current program is geared toward both girls and boys and encourages them to dream without gender limitations and to think imaginatively about their family, work and community lives.

Children who participate in the Clerk's Office program will receive certificates and other souvenirs, provided in part by Eli's Cheesecake Company and the Shedd Aquarium, as reminders of their experience.

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