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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN AND HER STAFF
GRANT CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM SANTA'S LETTERS**
Over 300 Gifts Delivered to Southside Children for Eighth Consecutive Year



Pictured: Clerk Dorothy Brown (center) surrounded with the staff of Overton Child Parent Center, Clerk Office Staff and Overton pre-schoolers.

CHICAGO – (December 14, 2010) Christmas came early for more than 150 children at Overton Child Parent Center and Alberta Hall Community Center. The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and her staff personally delivered those gifts along with a visit from Santa Claus. Each child from Overton Child Parent Center and Alberta Hall Community Center received requested gifts purchased by Clerk's Office employees in response to a *Letters to Santa* outreach initiative. "My staff and I are honored to be able to grant the Christmas wishes of Overton students and the boys and girls at Alberta Hall Community Center," said Clerk Brown. "To see the smiles on the children's faces gives us the joy of the season."

Since 2002, the Clerk's Office has participated in an employee "Letters to Santa" program providing gifts to children at both Overton and Alberta Hall. Over the years the gift exchange has been such a success that the Clerk's Office adopted the two organizations for annual gift giving during the holiday season. The Clerk's Office has been granting the wishes of the children from the two organizations for the last five years. In 2009, the Clerk's Office answered more than 350 letters and put smiles on the faces of children who may have otherwise gone without holiday gifts.