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Iris Y. Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Launches New Domestic Violence Survivor Center

MARKHAM -The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County oversaw a ribbon cutting ceremony to launch the Domestic Violence Survivor Center (DVSC). Located in the Markham Courthouse, the DVSC endeavors to provide a safe place for families that have experienced instances of domestic violence and may need privacy to file their Order of Protection or meet with an advocate.

“The effects of domestic violence can be far-reaching and long-lasting, not just for the victims but also for their families and communities,” said Clerk Iris Y. Martinez. “Despite the progress made to help victims of abuse, there is still much work to be done. The Domestic Violence Survivor Center reflects the commitment by my office in providing necessary resources.”

Among the special guests in attendance was Presiding Judge Tommy Brewer, Sixth Municipal District. “It’s a gift to the people of the south suburbs. Sometimes people miss us,” said Brewer. “I want to thank Clerk Martinez for remembering us.”

“A multi-faceted, collaborative approach is necessary to address domestic violence effectively,” said Clerk Martinez. “To that end, my team and I work tirelessly to bring together government agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups, and various other stakeholders in the fight against domestic violence.”

October is observed nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month with the intention to educate the public about domestic violence issues and promote efforts to support victims and hold abusers accountable.

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