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**Clerk's Office Employees Donate More Than
\$4,600 to Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund**

CHICAGO (April 22, 2005) - The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, presented the American Red Cross with a check for \$4,600.78 for the organization's Tsunami Relief Fund on Tuesday, April 19.

The contribution was made thanks to donations collected throughout the months of January and February 2005 from Clerk's Office employees.

"I thank all of the employees who gave so generously during this dire time of need," said Clerk Brown during the check presentation. "We also send our sympathy and warmest regards to the people who suffered through this tragedy."

Peg Herbst accepted the Clerk's Office's donation on behalf of the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross. She thanked the office for contributing to the tsunami relief effort because there is still a great need for financial assistance to help survivors rebuild their lives.

Since the tsunami struck on December 26, 2004, the American Red Cross has used millions of dollars in contributions to provide emergency and supplemental food aid, water and sanitation service, vaccinations and health assistance, immediate family supplies and psychosocial assistance in the affected areas.

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The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (center), presented a commemorative check for \$4,600.78 to Peg Herbst (standing right of Clerk Brown), a representative for the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross, indicating the total amount of contributions donated by Clerk's Office employees to the Tsunami Relief Effort. Clerk Brown and Ms. Herbst are flanked by Clerk's Office staff members.



The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (left), presents Peg Herbst (right), a representative for the Greater Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross, a check for \$4,600.78, indicating the amount donated by Clerk's Office staff to the Tsunami Relief Effort.