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**CLERK BROWN AND CLERK'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES
DONATE \$2,546.00 TO LET'S TALK, LET'S TEST FOUNDATION**

Chicago (July 17, 2006) - The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, presented a check in the amount of \$2,546.00 to Lloyd Kelly, Executive Director, and Annie Wallace, Chairperson, of the Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation on Monday, July 17, 2006. The funds were raised through the generous contributions of Clerk's Office employees to help fight the spread of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community.

Clerk's Office employees made contributions to the Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation throughout the month of May. Employees also participated in the Fourth Annual "I Need You to Survive" African-American HIV/AIDS Walk & Ride held in LaFollette Park on May 20, 2006.

"I thank all employees who participated in the walk-a-thon and/or contributed to the foundation," said Clerk Brown. "This HIV/AIDS crisis is destroying our community. African American adolescents, ages 13 to 19, account for over 50% of reported AIDS cases in Illinois. African-Americans account for 57% of HIV/AIDS cases in Chicago, but are only 36% of Chicago's population."

Also attending the check presentation was State Representative Constance Howard of the 34th District who serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation.

"The spread of HIV/AIDS is completely preventable. Yet, many people continue to get infected every year," said Clerk Brown. "Education and prevention is key to stopping the spread of AIDS. Compassion for those who are infected now is essential."

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The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (second from left), presented a commemorative check for \$2,546.00 to (standing left to right) Annie Wallace, Chairman of the Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation, State Representative Constance Howard (34th District), and Lloyd Kelly, Executive Director for the Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation. Anne Smith, Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk, Community Outreach for the Clerk's Office, looks on.



The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (second from left), standing before members of her staff, presented a commemorative check for \$2,546.00 to (standing left to right) Annie Wallace, Chairman of Let's Talk Let's Test Foundation, State Representative Constance Howard of 34th District, and Lloyd Kelly, Executive Director for Let's Talk, Let's Test Foundation.