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Clerk Dorothy Brown Will Welcome 500 Children To Work

CHICAGO (Apr. 23, 2007) The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, is expecting more than 500 children to visit the Clerk's Office on Thursday, April 26, 2007, beginning at 8 a.m., as participants in the annual "Take Our Daughters & 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 "Busy Bee" Clerk's Office mascot.

"I look forward to this exciting day, each year," said Clerk Brown. "The children add a new dimension to the workday as their parents proudly display their typical job responsibilities."

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 provides each child an opportunity to learn a series of lessons about the realities of work and broaden their understanding about the workplace. Children may also attend several workshops, including: "The Cost of Cool" and "Money Know-How," sponsored by Citibank; and "Internet Awareness" and "Yell, Run and Tell," presented by Sheriff's Youth Services. The children will also receive a Clerk Dorothy Brown "Learning About the Law" coloring book and a "Junior Clerk" activity packet.

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," created by the Ms. Foundation for Women, is an expanded version of the original "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" established in 1993. The program adheres to its original purpose of expanding girls' understanding of career options and encouraging equal opportunities for women in the workplace.

The 2007 theme for the day is "Revolutionizing the Workplace." It represents how our nations' daughters and sons should identify the changes needed at the workplace and in the world, enabling them to construct a plan to achieve at school, in the community and in their future work 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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