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Clerk's Office Honors Multi-Tasking Mothers During Women's History Month

CHICAGO (March 15, 2005) – On behalf of the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Clerk's Office Women's Advisory Committee awarded eight women who are mothers for succeeding as parents, professionals and community leaders during the Women's History Month program titled, "Sharing the Love," on Thursday, March 10.

"Many women work daily to sustain their families while expertly handling professional jobs and civic responsibilities" said Clerk Brown. "This ceremony was the perfect occasion to celebrate the lives of women and the various roles they manage."

WLS-ABC 7 News Anchor Cheryl Burton served as mistress of ceremonies for the program and Evangelist Mary Livingston of Trinity United Church of Christ delivered the invocation. In her remarks, Clerk Brown spoke of the accomplishments of women at local and national levels.

The following women received awards: **Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins** – Chief Education Officer, Chicago Board of Education; **Ms. Virginia Hayter** – Village Clerk of Hoffman Estates, Illinois; **Ms. Bernarda Wong** – Executive Director of the Chinese American League; **Ms. Faith Smith** – President Emeritus of the Native American Educational Services College; **Ms. Rose Farina** – Retired Director of Events of the Richard J. Daley Center for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs; **Mother Khadijah Farrakhan** – First Lady of the Nation of Islam and Founder of Newell Apparel; **Ms. Salome Amezcua-Frieri** - League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Metropolitan Chicago President and **Michelle Fletes-Rosales**, Chicago Public Schools Office of Language and Cultural Education Administrative Assistant, who received the "Outstanding Woman of the Future Award."



The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, recently celebrated Women's History Month with a program titled "Sharing the Love." The program was presented by the Clerk's Office Women's Advisory Committee and it honored women who excel in the roles of parent, professional and community leader. Pictured are (left to right, standing) Barbara Adrianopoli and Peggy Montes, co-chairs of the Clerk's Office Women's Advisory Committee; awardees Faith Smith and Salome Amezcua-Frieri; Clerk Brown, awardee Virginia Hayter, co-chair Maria D'Amezcua and Cheryl Burton, WLS-ABC 7 News anchor; and (left to right, seated) awardees Khadijah Farrakhan, Rose Farina, Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins, Michelle Fletes-Rosales and Bernarda Wong.

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