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Clerk of the Court Dorothy Brown is flanked by the Harlan family. From left to right, Jason Harlan who is autistic, his mother Debra Vines, founder and Executive Director of The Answer, Inc., Clerk Dorothy Brown and Jason's father James Harlan

**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN SPEAKS AT THE "FOR AUTISM WITH LOVE" GALA  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE ANSWER, INC.**

***BROWN CITES THE NEED FOR MINORITY FAMILIES WITH AUTISTIC CHILDREN TO  
OVERCOME MAJOR HURDLES***

**(CHICAGO) - The Honorable Dorothy Brown**, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, delivered the keynote address for the Answer Inc.'s fundraising gala on Saturday September 11, 2010, to support services the agency provides to assist autistic children and their families. Clerk Brown stated in her remarks that "Autism awareness is vitally important and minority families with Autism require special attention." Clerk Brown also said that "several hurdles including medical, educational and cultural exist for families in the African American community who have to deal with an autistic child". Clerk Brown lauded Answer, Inc's ability to educate families with autistic children on what services are available to them. Clerk Brown also encouraged families in attendance at the Gala to become knowledgeable about the laws that affect families with autistic children.

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