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**DOROTHY BROWN AND CLERK'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES
CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS IN THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ON
NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

CHICAGO (February 7, 2008) – On the eighth anniversary of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Feb. 7, 2008, the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, along with her staff, observed the national day of awareness by presenting State Representative Connie Howard, founder, and Lloyd Kelley, executive director, of the LET'S TALK, LET'S TEST Foundation (LTLTF) with a check in the amount of \$3,065.00. The donation was made possible through generous contributions by the Clerk's Office to help fight the HIV/AIDS crisis in the African-American community.

“The Clerk's Office is proud to be one of thousands of organizations across the country that has gotten involved in encouraging African Americans to get involved, educated, and tested,” said Clerk Brown. “In America, more than half of the AIDS patients are African American. HIV/AIDS has devastated the African American community, and we have a responsibility to mobilize our resources to help eradicate this 100% preventable epidemic in our communities.”

Established by State Representative Connie Howard, LET'S TALK, LET'S TEST Foundation's mission is to raise the awareness level of the devastating impact HIV/AIDS has on the African-American community. This is the fourth year the Clerk's Office has participated in and raised funds for the LTLTF's Annual “I Need You to Survive” African-American HIV/AIDS Walk.

The mission of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is to build the capacity, increase awareness and participation, and support HIV prevention, care and treatment among African Americans.



Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and Clerk Office staff, presented donation check to founder Representative Connie Howard and Lloyd Kelley, Executive Director, LET'S TALK, LET'S TEST.

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