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**Honorary Reception Held for the Auburn High School Key Club**

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS – On August 11, 2010, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court in partnership with the Children and Our Courts Foundation held a reception to honor students from the Auburn High School Heritage Kiwanis Key Club for their selfless work in obtaining pager systems for the court's two Kids' Place facilities.

The Auburn High School Heritage Kiwanis Key Club was awarded a grant by the In Youth We Trust Committee of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The Key Club undertook this project to enhance the well-being of all children while in care of The Kids' Place by providing a means for staff to immediately and accurately communicate with parents while they are conducting their business in the courthouse. The Seventeenth Circuit Court is grateful to the students of the Auburn High School Heritage Kiwanis Key Club, as well as the In Youth we Trust Committee and Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for making the pager equipment available. Chief Judge Janet R. Holmgren, Appellate Court Justice Kathryn E. Zenoff and Associate Judge K. Patrick Yarbrough were present at the reception to express their gratitude and accept plaques presented by the Key Club.

Kids' Place facilities are secure waiting areas for children ages two through twelve. These facilities are available free of charge to parents and guardians who are required to appear in either the Winnebago County Courthouse or Criminal Justice Center. Both facilities are supervised by professional YMCA staff and provide cheerful atmospheres for children to wait for their parents while they are in court. Since its beginning in 1998, over 32,100 children have used the services of The Kids' Place.



(Additional event photos are available by email.)