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LAKE COUNTY CELEBRATES ROBERT W. DEPKE JUVENILE COMPLEX EXPANSION

On Monday, July 17, 2017, the 19th Judicial Circuit Court and the Lake County Board celebrated the Robert W. Depke Juvenile Complex Expansion in Vernon Hills. The celebration was highlighted by a ribbon cutting ceremony and comments from Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz, Circuit and Presiding Juvenile Judge Valerie Boettle Ceckowski, Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor and Lake County Board Member and the Chair of the Law and Judicial Committee, Mary Ross Cunningham.

Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz commented: "The Mission of the 19th Judicial Circuit is to serve the public by being dedicated to equality, fairness, service and access to justice for all. We serve the best interests of juveniles by providing them education, treatment, rehabilitation and a second chance. The new facility will allow us to serve Lake County's youth and the public safely and effectively while also providing a much-improved environment for those who serve and for all who visit or conduct business there."

The Depke Juvenile Complex is located at 24647 North Milwaukee Avenue in Vernon Hills. This three-story complex is approximately 36,300 square feet and includes 2 courtrooms, judicial chambers, office space and meeting space for attorneys and their clients. It houses the Juvenile Courts, Administration as well as the Probation and Detention Facility. Additional offices at the complex include the Juvenile Divisions of the State's Attorney, Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court as well as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

The Depke Juvenile Complex serves all of Lake County and has experienced over 900 new case filings in each of the past 3 years. Adoption hearings in Lake County are also held at the Complex.

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