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STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MAKES GENEROUS DONATION TO THE 19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT'S KIDS' KORNER

On Friday, December 1st, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office presented the 19th Judicial Circuit's Kids' Korner with a donation to support this essential program the Court provides. "The State's Attorney's Office has been a proud supporter of Kids' Korner since its inception. We are happy to continue that support, and hope these funds can be of some help during the busy holiday season," stated State's Attorney Michael Nerheim.

Kids' Korner supervises approximately 160 children each month, and has serviced over 50,000 children since opening the doors in 1994. This children's waiting room in the Lake County Courthouse, provides a fun, and structured environment for children ages 2 – 12, free of charge, who are in the Courthouse to testify or whose parents or guardians are conducting business. "We appreciate the State's Attorney's generosity. This donation will make a difference in our program, allowing us to purchase additional furniture and supplies that provide children with a warm, welcoming, and most importantly, safe environment," said Chief Judge Jorge Ortiz.

While the primary focus of Kids' Korner is to protect children, the program is also of great benefit to the operation of the Court. Prior to opening Kids' Korner, children were often left unattended in hallways or were present in Courtrooms, putting them at risk of being adversely impacted by the proceedings. Sue Hrycyniak, Kids Korner Coordinator, stated "We are very grateful for the partnership the State's Attorney's Office has given us throughout the years that has allowed us to provide a safe-haven for children in our Courthouse."

Kids' Korner is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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