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## **D.A. Donates \$500 to Overbrook Drug-Fighter** *Gilda Lee's Mission is to Keep Kids Out of Trouble*

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**WHAT: NEWS CONFERENCE**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2005 11AM**

**WHERE: OVERBROOK MONARCH'S FOOTBALL FIELD, 66<sup>TH</sup> AND  
CALLOWHILL**

**PARTICIPANTS: D.A. Lynne Abraham, Overbrook Activist Gilda Lee,  
Community Activists C.B Kimmins and Paul 'Earthquake' Moore, Monarch staff  
members and neighbors**

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District Attorney Lynne Abraham will present a \$500 check from her foundation, Urban Genesis\*, to Gilda Lee, an Overbrook drug-fighter who is also fighting to keep alive her young football players in the form of the Overbrook Monarchs Football League.

Ms. Lee organized the Monarchs last year to keep kids out of trouble by offering football as an alternative. She also stood up to drug dealers, who threatened her and her two boys and also damaged her property.

"She's got guts," said D.A. Abraham. "When I found out about Gilda's courage in standing up to drug dealers and helping kids, I wanted to help."

The Monarchs comprise 138 kids right now, and Ms. Lee wants to expand the youth league to 200 kids. She is in dire need of football equipment of all kinds.

For those who cannot donate equipment, Ms. Lee also needs volunteers to help with the games and do some repair work to keep the field and the fence in good working order.

In addition to her work with the football team, Ms. Lee manages an apartment building, is going to school for certification in real estate and is planning a Monarch's Fathers Day Cookout for June 18. She needs people to volunteer their time for that, too.

"This year we need uniforms, and this check will really help a lot," said Ms. Lee. "I don't want my kids or any kids to become statistics."

\*Urban Genesis is District Attorney Lynne Abraham's 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation, whose prime purpose is to make neighborhoods safer by removing criminal activity and promoting revitalization projects in these strengthened neighborhoods.