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### **CITY OF HARVEY MOURNS THE LOSS OF ONE OF ITS OWN** *Mayor and Administrator Extend Condolences to the Family of Alexandra Martinez*

HARVEY, ILL – The City of Harvey grieves with news of the loss of one of its youngest residents, 2 year-old Alexandra Martinez, known to her family as Alexa. The toddler, who was shopping with several family members in the Akira store at the Orland Square Mall on Tuesday, August 28, died shortly after two eight-foot tall temporary steel walls fell on the child, Orland Park police officials reported.

Orland Park police and paramedics responded to the scene shortly before 2 p.m., amid numerous phone calls from mall shoppers. Paramedics performed medical treatment at the scene of the accident before transporting Alexa to Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where she succumbed to her injuries.

An investigation of this tragedy continues.

“Our deepest condolences go out to Alexa’s family who are affected by this unspeakable tragedy,” said Mayor Christopher J. Clark. “As a community, our hearts are breaking for this family. Devastating news of this nature affects our entire community. Together, we honor and pay tribute to Alexa for the love and joy she brought to her family, friends and neighbors, and we pray for her family during this difficult time,” continued Mayor Christopher J. Clark.

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