

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
UNION VICINAGE**

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**Union Vicinage Celebrates Adoption Day**

The Union Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth followed by reception at Kean University in Union.

This year, 14 children will be adopted by 7 families. Thirteen of the children are being adopted through DCP&P. All children adopted throughout the year through DCP&P have been invited to the party. It is expected that 40 children will attend. Reporters and photographers are welcome.

The vicinage is coordinating its Adoption Day program with the Union County Office of the Surrogate, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County, Inc., and the Child Advocacy Resource Association of Kean University.

Presiding over the Adoption Day proceedings will be Superior Court Judges Camille M. Kenny and Mirtha Ospina.

Community volunteers and staff from DCP&P will greet and escort the families to and from the courtrooms. Following the proceedings, there will be a reception for the families at Kean University, Downs Hall, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. There will be a luncheon, entertainment, and goodie bags for the families.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt. It is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the need for adoptive homes and to show appreciation to the families who have opened their lives to children in need of permanent homes.

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**Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, reporters may contact Sandra Thaler-Gerber, civil division manager, at 908-659-4810 with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings conclude.**