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**Morris/Sussex Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day**

The Morris/Sussex Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day by honoring families who have adopted children during the past year.

The Morris County event will be held on Friday, Nov. 14 at the Morris County Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown. The event will begin at noon with a program featuring remarks by Judge Maritza Berdote Byrne and three guest speakers: a young adoptee and two adoptive parents. Judge Berdote Byrne will preside over several adoptions and a small reception will be held for the adoptive families and guests.

The Sussex County event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Sussex County Judicial Center, 43-47 High Street, Newton. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with welcoming remarks by Judge James A. Farber. An adoptee and her mother will speak about their experiences. Judge Farber will preside over several adoptions, and a reception will follow for the adoptive families and guests.

The events are co-hosted by the Morris/Sussex Vicinage, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Morris.

Although adoptions are closed to the public, reporters in Morris County may contact Dawn Carruth, assistant family division manager, at 973-656-4311 with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings have concluded. In Sussex County, reporters can contact Theresa Mahoney, assistant family division manager, at 973-579-0610.

National Adoption Day is dedicated to celebrating adoptive families across the country. The celebration also is a part of a national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families and to encourage others to adopt.

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