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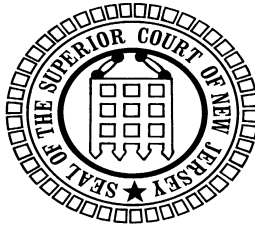
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Essex Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day 2014

Assignment Judge Patricia K. Costello has announced that the Essex Vicinage will participate in National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 14 at 8:30 a.m. at the Wilentz Justice Complex, 212 Washington St., Newark.

This marks the 13th consecutive year of participation for the Essex Vicinage in the nationwide event, which raises public awareness about children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

“Each year, Essex Vicinage’s celebration of National Adoption Day brings children together with their forever families in a memorable manner,” said Judge Costello. “Judges and staff enjoy the opportunity to work alongside many other participants on this uplifting event.”

Essex Vicinage Family Division Presiding Judge Sallyanne Floria and Superior Court Judges Stephen J. Bernstein, Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, Wayne J. Forrest, and Marysol Rosero will preside over more than 40 adoptions. Law clerks and staff from the family division and Essex Vicinage Interpreting Unit will participate.

The coordination of this event is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the court, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Office of the Surrogate, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and attorneys. Vital to the success of the event are the efforts of volunteers, including the Junior League of Montclair/ Newark and the Help if You Care Club from Caldwell.

Following the hearings, DCP&P and CASA will host a celebratory brunch for participating families at the Rutgers School of Law-Newark, 123 Washington Street Newark. The celebration will include the presentation of plaques, gifts for the children, family entertainment and photos.