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Burlington Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder has announced that the Burlington Vicinage will celebrate its eighth Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. on the sixth floor of the Burlington County Courts Facility, 49 Rancocas Rd., Mount Holly.

Adoptions will be finalized for 10 children. Some of the adoptions are arranged through the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). A total of 86 adoptions have been finalized in 2014.

Superior Court Judges Paula T. Dow and Mark P. Tarantino will preside over the proceedings.

The event is co-hosted by the Burlington Vicinage, DCP&P, the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer/Burlington and the Burlington County Surrogate's Office.

The celebration will open with welcoming comments from Judge Bookbinder. Remarks will be given by Judges Dow and Tarantino.

Following court proceedings, a luncheon will be held at Charley's Other Brother, 1383 Monmouth Rd., Mount Holly for all the families who have finalized adoptions during the year. Children's activities are scheduled and each family will receive a family portrait.

National Adoption Day is an annual event to celebrate the families and children whose adoptions will be finalized and to raise public awareness of the need for adoptive homes. If interested in becoming a licensed foster/adoptive parent, call 1-877-NJFOSTER.

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Adoption hearings are closed to the public. Members of the press are invited to attend the luncheon celebration at Charley's Other Brother, where families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available. Contact Donna Mazzanti at 609-518-2518 for additional information.