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Passaic Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Passaic Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. Approximately 22 adoptions will be finalized.

Following the adoptions, the children and their families are invited to an Adoption Day celebration at Planet 301 Arcade, 301 Main St., Paterson.

Opening remarks at the celebration will be given by Paterson Mayor Jose Torres and Passaic County Surrogate Bernice Toledo. Staff from the Passaic County Surrogate's Office will present adoptive parents with certificates and flowers.

The celebration will be hosted by the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Passaic County Surrogates Office, the Passaic County Bar Association, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Passaic Vicinage Family Division. Along with the arcades, there will be a magician, a face painter and craft tables. Staff from DCP&P will dress up in princess, Spiderman and Superman costumes and assist at the arts and crafts tables.

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. Passaic Vicinage first celebrated Adoption Day in 2007.

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Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration event, where families who have agreed to be interviewed or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings. Call June Zieder at 973-247-8651 for more information.