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Union Vicinage Celebrates 10th Annual Adoption Day

Union Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Superior Court Judges James Hely and Richard Wischusen will preside over the proceedings, during which nine children will be adopted into six families. The children's law guardians will greet and escort the families to and from the courtrooms.

After the adoption hearings are completed, the families will enjoy a breakfast hosted by Union County Surrogate James S. LaCorte, followed by a program with guest speakers and entertainment. The families will be joined by families who adopted earlier in the year. CASA of Union County, Inc., along with Centi Church, Linden and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sisters, will distribute gifts.

At the breakfast reception, a photographer will take formal photos of each family and there will be activities for the children, courtesy of A Birthday Wish Foundation and the Heroes 4 Heroes organization. The families will receive certificates from the Union County Surrogate and proclamations from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The vicinage will also host an adoption resource information fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Representatives from several adoption agencies will be present to answer questions and provide information on the adoption process.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states join to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt. 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, the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County, Inc., and the Office of the Law Guardian.

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Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, reporters can contact Sandra Thaler-Gerber, civil division manager, at 908-659-4812 with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings conclude.