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Monmouth Vicinage Celebrates Adoption Day

The Monmouth Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

Approximately 17 adoptions will be finalized. Superior Court Judges Teresa Kondrup-Coyle, James J. Mc Gann, Henry P. Butehorn, Angela White Dalton, Andrea I. Marshall, Gregory L. Acquaviva and Terence P. Flynn will preside over the proceedings.

A reception will be held for adoptive families in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Monmouth County Surrogate's Office, the Monmouth Bar Association, and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Family Division Presiding Judge Kathleen A. Sheedy will give opening remarks. Adoptive parent Robert McNamara will be the keynote speaker.

Refreshments will be served and vicinage staff will dress in children's character costumes. The families will receive photos, flowers for the parents and gifts for the children.

Information about the adoption process will be available. Attendees also will be able to speak with staff from the surrogate's office and DCP&P about adopting children in foster care. For more information about becoming a licensed foster/adoptive parent, call 1-877-NJFOSTER.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, reporters can arrange to interview selected families after their adoptions conclude. Call Janet Slocum at 732-677-4208 for details.