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Camden Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

The Camden Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St., Camden. Adoptions will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Approximately 35 adoptions will be finalized during this year’s ceremony. Family Division Presiding Judge Charles W. Dortch Jr. and Judges Francine I. Axelrad, Linda Eynon and Yolanda Rodriguez will preside over the proceedings.

“This annual, one-day event has made the dream of thousands of children come true across the country,” said Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz.

The celebration, hosted by the vicinage’s family division in partnership with the Camden County Surrogate’s Office, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Camden County, will begin with an open house and luncheon for the families at the surrogate’s office. Families will then meet in the Jury Assembly Room at the Hall of Justice for dessert and opening remarks. The children will receive gift bags and keepsakes to commemorate the day, courtesy of CASA of Camden County. A memento photograph and frame will be presented from the vicinage.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which the courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate the families who adopt.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after the adoption proceedings have concluded. For more information, contact the Trial Court Administrator’s Office at 856-379-2231.