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Mercer Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

The Mercer Vicinage, in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer County, will host its 11th annual Adoption Day program on Friday, Nov. 16.

The program will begin with adoption proceedings in the ceremonial courtroom of the Mercer County Criminal Courthouse, 400 S. Warren St., Trenton. Superior Court Judges Wayne J. Forrest and Rodney Thompson will conduct the hearings. After the proceedings, adopting families and their children will enjoy a breakfast buffet and receive complementary family portraits by Main Event.

The celebration will continue at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 at Team 85 Fitness and Wellness, 8500 K. Johnson Blvd., Bordentown Township. Adopting families and their children will be treated to snacks and activities provided by the Trenton Thunder, One Simple Wish, New Jersey Adoption Resource Clearing House, the Mercer County Bar Association and Team 85.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions. The event seeks to raise awareness of the importance of adoption and to recognize caregivers who have chosen to open their homes to children in need. The adoption process is managed by the Mercer County Surrogate's Office.

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Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after their hearings. Contact Rebecca Kenyon at 609-571-4200, ext. 74381 for more information.