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Fifteen Children to receive “Forever Homes” at Franklin County Children Services’ National Adoption Day Event

(Columbus, Ohio)- November is *National Adoption Month*, and Franklin County Children Services will celebrate with community partners to honor the adoptions of 15 children during the 14th annual National Adoption Day event.

Central Ohio will recognize National Adoption Day on Thursday November 20th, when Probate Judge Robert G. Montgomery and his staff of magistrates will finalize the adoptions of 15 children to 8 adoptive homes. The celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Franklin County Courthouse, 373 S. High Street, and 22nd floor.

There will be media opportunities for photos and interviews with pre-selected families and children, at this private event, after the ceremony.

FCCS will be joined by the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy at Capital University Law School and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption for this memorable event. Cassidy Mack, teen actress, former foster child and founder of non-profit *Love Gives Chances*, will make a special appearance during the ceremony.

“This celebration gives our staff and families the opportunity to celebrate adoptions made through Franklin County Children Services. It also gives children a way to celebrate their newly formed families,” said Chip M. Spinning, executive director of FCCS.

The National Adoption Day celebration continues to gain support through its community partners like the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. “As one of the original partners in National Adoption Day initiative across the U.S., we are proud to participate with Franklin County Children Services on this very special day and to celebrate families who have come together through the journey of foster care adoption,” said Rita Soronen, president and CEO of Dave Thomas Foundation.

National Adoption Day demonstrates how government, public policy and corporate professionals can work together to strengthen the community. Nationwide, this event has helped 50,000 children find permanent homes.

For more information about adoption, call the FCCS Adoption Division at (614) 341-6060, or log onto www.franklincountyohio.gov/children_services and search under our Programs tab.

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