



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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## Seven Families provide “Forever Homes” at Franklin County Children Services National Adoption Day Event

(Columbus, Ohio)- November is *National Adoption Month*, and Franklin County Children Services along with their community partners will celebrate the adoption of 12 children during the 19<sup>th</sup> annual National Adoption Day event. National Adoption Day creates an opportunity to educate the public about the need for permanent and loving homes for children. There are over 110,000 children nationwide, about 2,800 children in Ohio, and over 200 children here in Franklin County waiting on adoptive homes. Many of those waiting are teens and sibling groups. Together we can make sure that every child has a loving family and forever home.

On Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Central Ohio will celebrate the occasion when Probate Judge Robert G. Montgomery and his staff of magistrates finalize the adoptions of 12 children to seven forever families. The celebration will begin at 1:30p.m. in Montgomery’s courtroom on the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor at the Franklin County Courthouse, 373 S. High Street.

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 Rita Soronen, president and CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption for this memorable event. FCCS Executive Director Chip Spinning will also make brief remarks.

National Adoption Day demonstrates how government, public policy and corporate professionals can work together to strengthen the community. Nationwide, this event has helped nearly 65,000 children find permanent homes since its inception in 2000. For more information, please call the FCCS Adoption Department at (614) 341-6060, the Dave Thomas Foundation at 1-800-ASK-DTFA <https://davethomasfoundation.org/> or log onto [childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov](http://childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov) and search under our Programs tab.

