



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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Seventeen 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 along with their community partners will celebrate the adoption of 17 children during the 18th annual National Adoption Day event. National Adoption Day raises awareness of more than 110,000 children in foster care nationwide needing permanent, loving families.

On Thursday, November 16th, Central Ohio will celebrate the occasion when Probate Judge Robert G. Montgomery and his staff of magistrates finalize the adoptions of 17 children to six forever families. Several local attorneys also offer their services pro bono to help families. The celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Montgomery’s courtroom on the 22nd 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 staff of the Family and Youth Law Center 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.

The National Adoption Day celebration continues to gain support through its community partners like local attorneys who support the families on this very happy day.

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

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