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Six 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 will celebrate with community partners to honor the adoptions of seven children during the 20th annual National Adoption Day event on **Wednesday, November 18th, 2020**. National Adoption Day highlights the need for permanent and loving homes for children throughout Ohio and the U.S.

Thousands of children in Central Ohio need homes and are waiting for adoptive families. This year, we highlight more than 1,200 teens in Ohio who have spent over four years in foster care waiting to receive permanent homes. During National Adoption Day, Probate Judge Robert G. Montgomery and his staff of magistrates will finalize seven children’s adoptions to six adoptive homes.

This year, due to COVID 19, the formal celebration at Probate Court will not occur. Four families will legalize their adoption via Zoom proceedings, while two families will legalize with in-person proceedings. No additional staff or family supports will be present at Probate Court. **Family interviews can be scheduled via Zoom by contacting Franklin County Children Services at 614 275-2520.**

Executive Director of Franklin County Children Services, Chip Spinning, states, “It always gives me great pleasure to see families being united with permanent connections for youth who need the love, security, and guidance of families.” “The Foundation is proud to partner with Franklin County through our signature program, Wendy’s Wonderful Kids,[®] to find adoptive homes for youth who have waiting been in foster care the longest.” said **Rita Soronen**, *President & CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption*.

More than 75,000 kids have been adopted through national adoption day events nationwide in the last 21 years. The National Adoption Day celebration continues to gain support through its community partners like the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy at Capital University Law School.

For more information, please call the FCCS Adoption Division at (614) 341-6060, the Dave Thomas Foundation at 1-800-ASK-DTFA <https://davethomasfoundation.org/> or log onto <http://childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/adoption.cfm>