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Camden Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

The Superior Court of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage, will hold its celebration of National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 at the Camden County Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St., Camden.

"National Adoption Day recognizes the commitment and love of those who adopt and encourages others to consider adoption," said Camden Vicinage Assignment Judge F.J. Fernandez-Vina.

The vicinage is coordinating the event with the Camden County Surrogate's Office and the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) to recognize those who open their hearts and homes to children.

The surrogate's office will sponsor a luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. at its office at 600 Market St. in the County Administration Building for the children and adopting families, and attorneys, judges, freeholders and other elected officials.

Following the luncheon, there will be a dessert reception for the families in the Jury Assembly Room on the lower level of the Hall of Justice. The court and its partners will provide refreshments, mementos, and souvenirs to the families to commemorate the day.

Adoptions will begin at 1:30 p.m., and will be heard by Family Presiding Judge Charles W. Dortch Jr., and Superior Court Judges Angelo DiCamillo, Edward J. McBride Jr., and Deborah Silverman Katz. Family division staff members will greet and escort the families to and from courtrooms.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states finalize thousands of adoptions and celebrate with families who have opened their hearts and homes to children.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, reporters can+ contact Rick Alston at 856-379-3623 with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings have concluded.