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Essex Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day 2012

Assignment Judge Patricia K. Costello has announced that the Essex Vicinage will participate in National Adoption Day on Saturday, Nov. 17. The event will take place at the Wilentz Justice Complex, 212 Washington St., Newark.

This will mark the 11th consecutive year of participation for the Essex Vicinage in this nationwide event, which raises public awareness about the number of children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

“Each year, Essex Vicinage’s celebration of National Adoption Day brings children together with their forever families in a memorable manner,” said Judge Costello. “Judges and staff enjoy the opportunity to work alongside many other participants on this uplifting event.”

Family Division Presiding Judge Sallyanne Floria and Superior Court Judges David B. Katz and Ronald D. Wigler will preside over more than 50 adoptions starting at 8:30 a.m. Law clerks and staff from the family division and interpreting unit will participate.

The coordination of this type of event requires the collective effort of the court, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Office of the Surrogate, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and attorneys. Vital to the success of the event are the efforts of volunteers, including the Junior League of Montclair/Newark and the Help if You Care Club from Caldwell.

Following the hearings, DCP&P and CASA are sponsoring a brunch celebration for the participating families at the Rutgers School of Law – Newark, 123 Washington St., Newark. The celebration will include the presentation of plaques, gifts for the children, family entertainment and photos.

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Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families upon conclusion of their adoption proceedings. Call Assistant Family Division Manager Karen D. Smith at 973-693-6626 for more information.