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Union Vicinage Celebrates Adoption Day

Union Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Superior Court Judges Camille M. Kenny and Daniel R. Lindemann will preside over the proceedings. This year, 10 children will be adopted by seven families. Seven of the children are being adopted through the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Community volunteers and staff from DCP&P will greet and escort the families to and from the courtrooms.

Following the hearings, a celebratory brunch will be enjoyed by the families at the Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. They will be joined by many families who adopted children through DCP&P during the year. More than 40 adopted children are expected to attend. The celebration will include family entertainment and gift bags for the families and children. Representatives from the New Jersey Adoption Resource Clearing House will provide information on resources available to adoptive families.

The vicinage is coordinating the program with the Union County Office of the Surrogate, DCP&P, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Union County, Inc.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt. It is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the need for adoptive homes.

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Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, reporters can contact Civil Division Manager Sandra Thaler-Gerber at 908-659-4810 with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings conclude.