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Mercer Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Assignment Judge Mary C. Jacobson has announced that the Mercer Vicinage will hold its sixth annual Adoption Day program on Friday, Nov. 22 at the Trenton War Memorial, 1 Memorial Dr., Trenton. Approximately 10 adoptions will be finalized at the Courthouse in the morning before the event.

The celebration will begin after court proceedings have concluded, around 10 a.m. Speakers will include Superior Court Judges William Ankowitz and Audrey P. Blackburn, and the Rev. Darryl Armstrong. Adopting families and their children will enjoy a breakfast buffet and complimentary family portraits by The Main Event. Children's activities will include balloon animals provided by the Trenton Thunder and a visit with a pirate provided by My Fairytale Dream. Other sponsors include Business Bistro and One Simple Wish.

Co-hosted by the Mercer Vicinage, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer County, the event will celebrate the joy of adoption and recognize those who open their hearts and homes to children.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities around the state and nation finalize thousands of adoptions and celebrate families who adopt.

Adoption hearings are not open to the public. Anyone interested in adoption can obtain information from DCP&P by calling 800-99-ADOPT.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings conclude. Call Kathleen Wardlow at 609-571-4407 for more information.