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Burlington Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

The Burlington Vicinage will celebrate its 15th annual Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 19 at 8:45 a.m. virtually via Zoom.

Superior Court Judges Lisa James-Beavers and John L. Call Jr. will finalize adoption proceedings for eight children. Assignment Judge Jeanne T. Covert will open the celebration. Judges Richard J. Nocella and James-Beavers, and Cathee Chichester, Burlington West local office manager of the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), also will speak.

“As we reflect upon the past year-and-a-half, we focus more than ever on our blessings, and the importance of family is chief among them,” Judge Covert said. “For every new family created in the adoption process, you hold our hopes and dreams in your hands, and the entire Burlington Vicinage community is here to celebrate with you as you find that promise fulfilled.”

The vicinage's Adoption Day celebration is co-sponsored by DCP&P, whose staff will deliver edible arrangements to the families; the Court Appointed Special Advocates program, whose members provide gift cards through One Simple Wish; and the Burlington County Surrogate's Office. The Burlington County Bar Foundation will provide toy bears to the children.

National Adoption Day is an annual event that celebrates the families who choose to adopt, while raising public awareness of the need for adoptive homes. Those interested in becoming a licensed foster/adoptive parent should call 1-877-NJFOSTER.

Though adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements can be made for reporters to interview willing families after the proceedings. For more information contact, Sandra Lebron at 609-288-9500, ext. 38124.

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