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Union Vicinage to Celebrate 14th Annual Adoption Day

Assignment Judge Lisa Miralles-Walsh and Family Division Presiding Judge Lisa Chrystal announced today that the Union Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day virtually on Friday, Nov. 19.

Superior Court Judge Lara DiFabrizio will finalize three adoptions beginning 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast donated by George Vlahos, owner of The Urban Griddle in Elizabeth, and coordinated by the Union County Surrogate's Office, will be delivered to the families before the start of the program. Along with festive balloon arrangements, gift baskets created by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County with donations from the community, students and staff of David Brearley High School in Kenilworth and other organizations, will be delivered to the families. The Union County Sheriff's Office will lead a caravan to each family's home. Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan of CASA will take the families' first family portrait.

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 and to show appreciation to the families who have opened their lives to children in need of permanent homes.

Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, reporters can contact Civil Division Manager Sandra Thaler-Gerber at 908-787-1650, ext. 21491 with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings conclude.

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