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POST RELEASE: Adoption Day 2023

SAN JOSÉ, California (November 17, 2023): Today Santa Clara County Superior Court Judicial Officers and staff, along with the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children’s Services, gathered at the Family Justice Center Courthouse to celebrate National Adoption Day to formalize 23 adoptions for children ranging in age from one to thirteen years old. It was a jovial celebration with parents, children, family, and friends in attendance (see pictures below).

“Adoption Day is a culminating event that recognizes our families who have provided permanency by opening up their arms, hearts and homes,” said Damion Wright, Director of the Department of Family and Children’s Services. “Our adoptive parents have made a commitment to ensure a child has a family to call their own. And there is nothing more important than family as it provides security, safety, and love. There is nothing more significant to a child than being able to call a home ‘a forever home.’”

On National Adoption Day, courts and communities throughout the United States collaborate to finalize thousands of adoptions of children and honor adopting families. Numerous community events are held each year to celebrate the adoption of foster care children by loving parents.

“Each adoption story is unique and although children and families come to adoption through diverse paths, they all endure the process with open hearts,” said Presiding Judge Beth McGowen. “It takes patience, flexibility, and a willingness to learn as an adoptive parent and an adoptee. We are grateful for all those who play a role in finding permanency for children in need of a family.”

Locally, Adoption Day is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the need for adoptive parents, educate would-be parents about the adoption process, and celebrate the local families who have opened their lives to children in need of permanent homes.

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Child with adoptive parents.



Hon. Rebeca Esquivel-Pedroza giving the Adoptive Parent Oath.



Hon. Shawna Schwarz overseeing signing of an adoptee.



“Happy Adoption Day” Family Photo



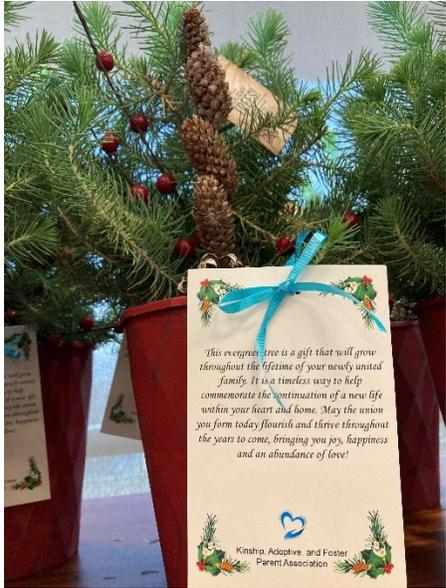
Hon. Rebeca Esquivel-Pedroza with a new family.



Community partner agency representatives



Post adoption family celebration!



A holiday gift from the Kinship, Adoptive, and Foster Parent Association.



An adoptee with her forever family.