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Santa Clara County Celebrates Family Reunification Day June 5, 2023

SAN JOSÉ, California (June 2, 2023): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara is delighted to announce the County's 11th annual Reunification Day Celebration, commemorating the reunification of families and the strength of the Santa Clara community. This special event will take place on June 5, at the County of Santa Clara's Social Services Agency's Auditorium (353 W Julian St., San Jose, CA 95126) from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Reunification Day, both nationally and locally, occurs annually between Mother's Day and Father's Day. In our county, this event is a collaboration among the Superior Court and all of the Superior Court Judiciary, Dependency Advocacy Center, the Department of Family and Children's Services, Legal Advocates for Children and Youth, Office of the County Counsel, First 5, and Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. Special recognition belongs with the Dependency Court Judges for all of their hard work and efforts seeking to reunify families throughout the year.

"Reunification Day holds immense significance as it acknowledges the successful reunification of families who have faced various challenges and adversities," says Hon. Shawna Schwarz. "The event serves as a reminder that when our system performs as intended, children are returned to their parents in safe, stable, and supported homes."

The event will consist of a heartfelt ceremony celebrating the strength, resilience, and determination of families who have overcome challenges to achieve reunification. As part of our celebration, we honor five families who have safely and successfully reunified, recognizing the tremendous effort and dedication they have displayed. In addition, we honor a professional who champions the efforts of families in reunification. This year, David Shuster, Dependency Advocate Center Mentor Parent Program Manager, will be honored for his role in assisting countless families to reunify through his experience, compassion and dedication.

All of the organizations mentioned recognize the importance of reunification to children in foster care and on this occasion, reinvigorate their commitment to this vital work. As one of many jurisdictions across the country commemorating the event, Santa Clara County celebrates

families and communities working together as we collectively raise awareness about the importance of family reunification for children in foster care.

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