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## **National Adoption Day to be celebrated in Adams County** *Twenty-nine foster children to be united with permanent families*

The juvenile court in Adams County and the Adams County Social Services Department will co-host a local celebration of National Adoption Day on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008. Twenty-nine foster children will officially be united with permanent families. The adoption proceedings will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Adams County Justice Center, 1100 Judicial Center Drive in Brighton.

“This is truly a day for celebration in Adams County as we mark the occasion of National Adoption Day by placing these 29 foster children with permanent, loving families,” said District Court Judge Katherine Delgado. “Our court is honored to be hosting this event and presiding over these proceedings.”

Judge Delgado will be joined by District Court Judge Patrick Murphy to finalize the adoptions.

“As a newly appointed judge, I have found adoption hearings to be the most positive court proceeding as a celebration of the new life for a family based on the teamwork of many professionals,” said Judge Murphy. “I look forward to participating in my first National Adoption Day.”

Each year approximately 900,000 children are abused or neglected in the United States. Many of these children need to be removed from their families of origin for their safety. When their parents fail or refuse to make the changes necessary for their children to be safely returned, the children find themselves at the mercy of the foster system. Many times parental rights are terminated as a result of parental misconduct or neglect. Too many of these children never find a permanent home.

National Adoption Day Celebrations offer an opportunity to honor the wonderful people who have stepped forward to provide nurturing and a permanent home to otherwise forgotten children. National Adoption Day events also remind us that other children need adoptive parents or caring adults to provide long-term foster care for children. Nationwide thousands of children, parents, judges, volunteer lawyers, adoption professionals and child advocates gather for this special occasion.

**Editor's Note:** For more information, contact Edie Winters, Adams County Social Services Department, 303-412-5437.