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**[NAME OF ORGANIZATION]** **CELEBRATES NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY**

**[CITY, STATE]** — On **[DATE OF ADOPTION DAY EVENT],** **[NAME OF ORGANIZATION]** will host an event to celebrate children and families coming together through foster care adoption. **[CITY, STATE OR COUNTY]** Adoption Day is from **[EVENT TIME]** at **[EVENT LOCATION]** and will include **[LIST OF ACTIVITIES]**.

Each year in November, hundreds of communities across the country organize similar events in recognition of National Adoption Day, a collective effort to help raise awareness of the need to find safe, loving and permanent homes for the more than 108,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States.

**[NAME OF ORGANIZATIONS]** supported this year’s Adoption Day celebration (if applicable).

**[INSERT QUOTE FROM THE ORGANIZATION OR A PARTICIPATING FAMILY]**

“Collaboration among adoption professionals, judges and child welfare advocates is essential during National Adoption Day and year-round to find children waiting to be adopted from foster care the forever families they deserve,” said Rita Soronen, President & CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. “Thank you for your support in helping new families come together through adoption — today and every day.”

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**About National Adoption Day**

National Adoption Day is a collective, grassroots effort to raise awareness of the more than 108,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States. A coalition of national partners — the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Alliance for Children’s Rights and Children’s Action Network — founded National Adoption Day.

During this annual event, courts and organizations in more than 400 communities across the country have opened their doors on or around the Saturday before Thanksgiving to finalize and celebrate adoptions from foster care. To date, National Adoption Day has recognized more than 85,000 children moving from foster care to a permanent family. Learn more at nationaladoptionday.org.

**About [NAME OF ORGANIZATION]**

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