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PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY CELEBRATION

Adoption Day is coming up. On Friday, November 18, 2016, the Snohomish County Superior Court, in co-sponsorship with the Snohomish County Clerk's Office, will join others across the country in participating in National Adoption Day. For the twelfth consecutive year, our Court and Clerk's Office will partner to make this a special occasion.

"We are proud to participate in this annual event," said Judge David Kurtz, chair of the local Adoption Day Committee. "It's an occasion that family members never forget. As a judge, it's very gratifying to play a small part in each family's celebration."

Since 2000, nearly 60,000 children nationwide have been adopted during Adoption Day events. Last year, over 40 kids were adopted in Snohomish County alone.

A major goal of National Adoption Day is to raise awareness. As of September 15th, 8796 children in Washington State were in foster care. Kids enter foster care through no fault of their own—often because of abuse or neglect by the very people who should have nurtured and protected them.

A crying need exists for foster parents. In our County, kids now regularly have to be housed in hotels.

A crying need exists for adoptive parents. In our country, thousands of children each year turn 18 without a family to call their own.

On November 18th, the community is strongly encouraged to take part. Our event will occur in Snohomish County Superior Court from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00, and probably into the early afternoon. The adoptions will take place in Courtroom C-201 and Courtroom 6 on the second floor of the Courthouse. All the adoptions this day will be open to the public.

In addition, the public is warmly invited to a short program and celebration at 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room on the first floor of the Courthouse. Todd McNeal, an adoptive parent and the Executive Director of Hand in Hand, will be the guest speaker. There will be refreshments for all, and fun and games for the kids and families.

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