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Twenty-two adoptions to be finalized at National Adoption Day event

Philadelphia--The adoptions of 22 foster youth will be finalized at a ceremony and celebration recognizing National Adoption Day and sponsored by the Philadelphia Department of Human Services and Family Court. The adoption proceedings were followed by a celebratory lunch that featured remarks by the Honorable Kevin Dougherty, Administrative Judge of Family Court and DHS Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose as well as circus themed entertainment for the children including strutting mummies, face painting and a balloon artist.

“Finalizing an adoption, and helping a foster child become part of a loving permanent family, is perhaps the most gratifying work we do in Family Court” said Kevin Dougherty, Administrative Judge of Family Court.

According to DHS Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose, DHS has increased the number of adoptions every year since 2008. In fact the number of adoptions have increased 83.7% since FY 2008 and DHS leads the state in finalizations.

“I am so proud of the staff at DHS who are committed to ensuring that children in placement achieve timely permanency,” said Ambrose. “I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the families who have opened their hearts and provided a loving home to a child in waiting.”

Ambrose encouraged all families considering adoption to find out more by calling the National Adoption Center at 215-735-9988.