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Court to Give Kids the Gift of Family on Adoption Day

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - On Friday November 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., the Suffolk County Family Court, located in the Cohalan Court Complex, Central Islip, New York, will be holding its 9th annual "Adoption Day" - a day designated to expedite adoption cases and to make the upcoming holiday season extra special for as many children and their adoptive parents as possible.

Supervising Judge of the Suffolk County Family Court, David Freundlich, along with Acting Family Court Judge Jeffrey Arlen Spinner and Family Court Judge John Kelly will preside over the adoption proceedings. This year, it is expected that there will be approximately 31 adoption proceedings calendered on the "Adoption Day" docket.

According to Judge Freundlich, "Our Family Court staff does a wonderful job all year round in expediting adoptions, but they all take great pride at this time of year in extending themselves to facilitate "Adoption Day" which serves almost three times more families than we usually do."

"Adoptions are one of the happiest and most satisfying proceedings we have in the Suffolk County courts," said District Administrative Judge H. Patrick Leis III. "As we head towards the holiday season, I am especially grateful to Judge Freundlich, the Family Court Judges and our Family Court personnel for their hard work and very special efforts in making " Adoption Day a reality for the families of Suffolk County."

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