

Adoption Day Celebrated at D.C. Courthouse

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A same-sex couple officially adopts twins at the D.C. Superior Court Saturday morning. (credit: George Mesthos/All News 99.1)

WASHINGTON (CBSDC/AP) — The 27th annual Adoption Day ceremony was held at the D.C. Superior Court Saturday morning, where dozens of children officially found their permanent home.

More than 20 adoptions were finalized at the ceremony, and all children adopted in the city within the last year were invited to attend along with their families.

Each child and his or her family were introduced, and a judge signed their adoption decree.

After years of being in foster care, Dalontae Wilkinson said he was happy to be joining his new family.

“I’m proud to be adopted, been in foster care way too long, and I’m glad that I have a family that loves me,” Wilkinson said.

Officials say the goal of the event was to celebrate adoption and to consider adopting or fostering a child in the city’s public welfare system. WNEW’s George Mesthos reports the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency is still looking to place about 120 children in “forever homes.”

WNEW’s George Mesthos contributed to this report.