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## **DC Celebrates Adoption with 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adoption Day**

The D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency will co-host the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adoption Day on Saturday, November 21, 2009. The ceremony is designed to celebrate the joy of adoption and encourage area residents to consider adopting or fostering a child. **Nearly 200 children in D.C. are in foster care awaiting adoption.**

**Over thirty adoptions will be finalized at this year's ceremony** and adoption decrees will be signed before the audience, as the children and their new families come forward. Each child will be introduced to the audience by emcee Barbara Harrison, local news anchor. The children range in age from one year old to sixteen years old.

- WHAT: Adoption Day Celebration**
- WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Atrium - 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
- WHEN: Saturday, November 21, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**
- WHO: Superior Court Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield**  
**Family Court Presiding Judge William Jackson**  
**CFSA Director Roque Gerald, Psy.D**  
**Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**  
**DC Councilmembers Phil Mendelson, Tommy Wells, Michael Brown**  
**and Mary Cheh**

All children adopted in D.C. during the past year - and their families - have been invited to the ceremony and celebration.

**Cameras and audio recorders will be allowed into the courthouse for the purpose of capturing the ceremony.**

Note: Those interested in finding out more about becoming an adoptive or foster parent are urged to call **202/671-LOVE**, the CFSA adoption hotline. CFSA volunteers will also be present at the event to talk about fostering and adopting in D.C.

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