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## DC to Celebrate 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Adoption Day

The Superior Court of the District Columbia and the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency will co-host the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Adoption Day on Saturday, November 20, 2010. The ceremony is designed to celebrate the joy of adoption and encourage area residents to consider adopting or fostering a child in the District's public child welfare system. **Approximately 160 children in D.C. foster care are waiting for adoptive homes.**

**Over 20 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. The keynote speaker for this year's event will be Debra Lee, Chairman and CEO of BET Networks. Each child will be introduced to the audience by local news anchor Barbara Harrison, the emcee.

- WHAT: Adoption Day Celebration**
- WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Atrium - 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
- WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2010 - 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**  
**Freddie Mac Vice President Margaret Meiers**

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

*The public is most cordially invited to attend.*

**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 recruitment line for prospective foster and adoptive parents. CFSA volunteers will also be present at the event to talk about fostering and adopting in D.C

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