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PRESS ADVISORY

30th Annual DC Adoption Day Event to be held Nov 19 – Special Guest, Comedian Kym Whitley

** Over 20 children's adoptions to be finalized at the ceremony **

DC Superior Court and the DC Child and Family Services Agency will co-host the 30th Annual DC Adoption Day ceremony on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 10am to noon. Kym Whitley -- comedian, star of *Young & Hungry*, and adoptive mom -- will be the special guest speaker.

The ceremony is designed to celebrate the joys of adoption and encourage area residents to consider adopting or fostering a child in the District's child welfare system. Over 20 children, several of whom are biological siblings, will be adopted at the ceremony. Each child and his or her family will be introduced to the audience and come forward to have their judge sign the final adoption decree.

WHAT: Adoption Day Celebration

WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse - 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. - 3rd Floor Atrium

WHEN: Saturday, November 19, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

CFSA is currently seeking permanent, loving, adoptive homes for 86 of the 1004 children in foster care in DC. There will be social workers at the event, as well as representatives from local organizations that support foster and adoptive parents and foster children. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to visit the Heart Gallery at <http://www.adoptionstogether.org/events/heart-gallery/> or to call **202/671-LOVE**, the CFSA information line for prospective foster and adoptive parents.

The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Media Note: Cameras and audio recorders WILL be allowed into the courthouse for the purpose of capturing the ceremony. **Judges, Ms. Whitley and some adoptive family members will be available for interviews at the conclusion of the ceremony.**

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