



national adoption day

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On behalf of the King County Superior Court, the Washington Commission on Children in Foster Care and our numerous national and local partners, we invite you to attend our **23rd annual celebration of National Adoption Day** on Friday, November 22nd, 2024.

Our Court will be one of dozens across the country finalizing thousands of adoptions and celebrating all families that adopt. In addition, King County joins Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, Yakima, Chelan, Clark, Island, Spokane and Benton/Franklin Counties in celebrating this very special day. **This year, the Mariner Moose will be back to entertain young and old.** Last year, we finalized 17 foster child adoptions, and we expect more children and parents anxiously waiting for their adoptions to be finalized this year.

As was the case the last twenty-two years, we expect that the air will be filled with laughter, and you can bet there will be many joyful tears. Judges, lawyers, adoption advocates and foster care professionals will be in attendance, making our celebration complete. Through events like this throughout the country, we hope to encourage families to step forward to adopt all children, but particularly those in our foster-care system. Won't you help us by attending our celebration?

Our Event is planned for:

Date: Friday, November 22, 2024
Time: 10:00am to 1 pm (public celebration), closed adoption hearings begin earlier
Location: Maleng Regional Justice Center (Jury Room – 2nd floor)
401 4th Ave N, Kent, WA 98032

I know that you are deeply committed to reducing the backlog of foster-care adoption cases in Washington. Your attendance at our celebration will draw much needed attention to children in need and encourage more families to give children the permanent homes they deserve.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the King County Adoption Paralegal, Gina Reyes at (206) 477-1493 or SCAdoptionParalegal@kingcounty.gov. For more information about National Adoption Day, please go to <http://www.nationaladoptionday.org/>

I look forward to seeing you on November 22nd!

Honorable Suzanne Parisien
King County Superior Court
Courts and Community Committee

