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## **DC to Celebrate Adoption with 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adoption Day**

The D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency will co-host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adoption Day in Court on Saturday, November 15, 2008. 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.**

**Nearly 20 actual 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.

- WHAT: Adoption Day in Court Celebration**
- WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Atrium - 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
- WHEN: Saturday, November 15, 2008 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**
- WHO: Superior Court Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield**  
**Family Court Presiding Judge Anita Josey-Herring**  
**CFSA Interim Director Roque Gerald, Psy. D**  
**Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**  
**Mayor Adrian Fenty (*invited*)**  
**Chairman Vince Gray (*invited*)**

All children adopted in D.C. in the past year - and their families - have been invited to the ceremony and celebration. *Cameras and recorders will be allowed into the courthouse for the purpose of recording 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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