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### *MEDIA ADVISORY:*

## **ADOPTION DAY CELEBRATION MARKS NEW BEGINNING FOR 50 CHILDREN**

**WHAT:** About 50 children will officially become part of new families during the county's seventh annual Adoption Day celebration. These children were removed from their birth parents due to abuse or neglect and are now ready to begin life with their new families.

**WHERE:** William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road in Sacramento

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, November 20

**WHY:** Adoption Day was initiated in Sacramento six years ago to help cut through the backlog of adoption cases. The backlog is gone, and the event has evolved into a celebration of a new start in life for children who were previously living in foster care. About 800 children have the goal of adoption, and many are living with relatives or family who plan to adopt them. Another 1700 children long-term foster care need of permanent homes through adoption or guardianship. Adoption Day is organized by Sacramento County Child Protective Services, Sacramento Superior Court, Lilliput Children's Services, Soroptomist International of Greater Sacramento and Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

### **VISUAL/AUDIO OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Parents of adopted children. Families include single parents, same-sex parents, transracial parents and extended families where grandparents that have adopted their children's children.
- Balloons, a reception party for children who have been adopted, and teddy bear adoption.
- Hand-print tiles by the adopted children that will be displayed in the court house.