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Court to Give Kids the Gift of Family on Adoption Wednesday

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - On Wednesday, November 15, 2006, the Suffolk County Family Court, located in the Cohalan Court Complex, Central Islip, New York, will be holding its 7th annual "Adoption Wednesday" - a special adoption day when the Family Court will expedite cases to make the upcoming holiday season extra special for as many children and their adoptive parents as possible.

The Honorable David Freundlich, Supervising Judge of the Suffolk County Family Court and the Honorable Ettore A. Simeone will be presiding in their respective courtrooms, which will open at 8:00 a.m. to facilitate the extra cases. This year it is expected that there will be approximately 31 adoptions calendered on this very special day.

According to Judge Freundlich, "Our Family Court staff does a wonderful job year round in expediting adoptions but they all take pride at this time of the year in extending themselves to have an "Adoption Wednesday" which is extra special for almost three times the number of families than we usually have."

"Adoptions are one of the happiest and most satisfying proceedings we have in the Suffolk County courts," said District Administrative Judge H. Patrick Leis III. "As we head towards the holiday season, I am especially grateful to Judge Freundlich, his staff and our Family Court personnel for their hard work and very special efforts in making "Adoption Wednesday" a reality."

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