



You are invited to volunteer as a Court Buddy on

## **NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY**

with the

**The Alliance for Children's Rights**

**Saturday**

**November 15, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Over 200 foster children's adoptions will be finalized on this day at the Edelman's Children's Court.

Court Buddies must be over 6 years old accompanied by a parent or responsible adult or must be 12 years and up to participate.

[www.kids-alliance.org](http://www.kids-alliance.org)

If you're interested in becoming a Court Buddy or simply attending to witness this special day, please contact Joelle Warren-Lane at (213) 368-6010 x115 or [j.warren-lane@kids-alliance.org](mailto:j.warren-lane@kids-alliance.org)

### **More information on being a Court Buddy**

- Being a Court Buddy gives kids (over 6) accompanied by a parent, or teen friends (over 12) a chance to help foster children in Los Angeles have a joyful, celebratory adoption day.
- The Court Buddy team will be in the courtroom during the adoption hearings. They'll greet the families, take a photo for the family with the Judge and give the adopted children a gift.
- This is a valuable opportunity for both the volunteer Court Buddy and the child being adopted. The adopting child will have a friend in court, and the Court Buddy will have the experience of "being there" for another child. Volunteers play the important role helping make the whole day fun and relaxing for the kids since it is a celebratory event, as opposed to the fear and trauma foster children normally associate with going to court.
- The time frame for volunteers is from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday November 15th, 2008 at the Los Angeles Children's Court located at 201 Centre Plaza Drive in Monterey Park.