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**150 FOSTER CHILDREN TO JOIN FOREVER FAMILIES AS PART OF
NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY ON NOVEMBER 22**

LOS ANGELES (November 18, 2014) – The Alliance for Children’s Rights will celebrate the adoption of 150 Los Angeles foster children into new families on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 22. The Los Angeles celebration is part of an annual collective effort across the nation to raise awareness of the more than 400,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. On National Adoption Day, courts across the country finalize adoptions from foster care and celebrate all families that adopt.

“Every child needs and deserves a permanent, loving family, said Janis Spire, CEO of Alliance for Children’s Rights. “On this one special day, we are honoring all the families who have made this dream come true for hundreds of children in foster care.”

In Los Angeles alone, there are 28,000 children in foster care, more than anywhere else in the country. Approximately 1,500 of these children are waiting to be adopted.

National Adoption Day was founded by the Alliance for Children’s Rights in 2000 with the support of the Dave Thomas and Freddie Mac Foundations based on the success of

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Los Angeles’ Adoption Saturday Program. Now a coalition of partners, including the Alliance for Children’s Rights, Children’s Action Network, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and Freddie Mac Foundation, sponsor the event nationally each year. In total, this one day has helped more than 50,000 children move from foster care to a forever family.

This year the lives of more than 4,500 children will be changed on National Adoption Day. It is also a day to draw attention to the more than 23,000 children who turn 18 every year without having a forever family. Learn more at nationaladoptionday.org.



Summary of Event Details

WHAT: National Adoption Day press conference to celebrate the union of 150 children with new families

WHEN: Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m. (press conference begins);
9 a.m. (adoption proceedings begin)

WHERE: Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court, 5th floor, 201 Centre Plaza Dr.,
Monterey Park, 91754

WHO: Adoptive families and children; celebrity appearances by
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