

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT



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Media Opportunity - National Adoption Day 2007 – this Saturday

In celebration of National Adoption Day, Host Judge Wadie Thomas and the judges of the Separate Juvenile Court in Douglas County are opening the courthouse in Omaha this Saturday to hold special adoption hearings for children from the foster care system.

When: Saturday, November 17

- 8:30 a.m. Press Conference with Judge Wadie Thomas
Chief Justice Mike Heavican, Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. Adoption hearings begin

Where: Use the main entrance of the City-County Building at

- 19th & Farnam Streets (the entrance facing Farnam).
- Parking is available in the new parking garage, located at 19th & Harney, which will be open at 5:30 a.m. that day.

This will be a fun community event. Please contact Debbie Peck, Office of Judge Wadie Thomas (402) 444-7889, if you need additional information.

Many organizations are generously donating time and gifts, including:

Douglas County Juvenile Court, CASA, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Foster Care Review Board, Child Saving Institute, Janousek Flowers, Omaha Children's Museum, Rose Theatre, Skate City, HOST Coffee, Printmakers, HyVee, Super Target, Lutheran Family Services, Adoption Links, Girl Scout Troop 2405, Project Linus, Nebraska Adoption Agencies Association, and Wells Blue Bunny.

This is the 8th year that Douglas County Separate Juvenile Court has hosted National Adoption Day.

*** Reporters and photographers who need to be matched with families willing to "tell their story" should ask at the bailiff's table for Carrie Hauschild, Protection and Safety Supervisor with HHSS. If you need to contact Carrie earlier, she can be reached at 402-595-3629, cell 402-616-1503.*

In order to increase the visibility of the need for foster care adoptions in Nebraska, cameras will be allowed into select adoption hearings. If your station/paper would like to have a still or television camera inside the courtroom for an adoption hearing, please contact Carrie Hauschild at the number above.