

Superior Court of California County of Alameda

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COURTS DESIGNATE "ADOPTION DAY" TO EXPEDITE ADOPTIONS

WHO: 60 adoptive children of all ages and their prospective adoptive

parents, Alameda County Judges and Commissioners, Social

Workers, and court personnel.

WHAT: "Adoption Day" – Saturday, November 20, 2004. – Adoptions for

60 foster children and their prospective parents will be finalized. Judges, Commissioners, social workers, and court personnel will work on Saturday to expedite the hearings. The fifth annual "Adoption Day" is a collaboration between the Alameda County Department of Social Services Adoptions Program and the

Juvenile Court of Alameda County.

WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2004

9:00 a.m. - Opening Remarks and Presentations 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm - Adoption Finalizations

WHERE: Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse

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In recognition of the event, Philanthropic Ventures, Waldron Consulting, Target Stores and Fiesta Toys will provide gifts for all adoptees and siblings. Staff from MOCHA (Museum of Children's Art) will also be on hand to provide entertainment for the children and their families. The Probation Department and Social Services will provide refreshments. Reporters are welcome to talk to consenting families about their adoption experiences.