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NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY EVENT IN WAUKESHA COUNTY CELEBRATES FAMILIES AND ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

(Waukesha, WI) – Friday, November 10, 2023, Waukesha County celebrated National Adoption Day with a special adoption event at the Waukesha County Juvenile Courthouse, a division of the Waukesha County Circuit Court. The event began with a presentation from county and community leaders, followed by an adoption ceremony. The event highlights a collective effort to raise awareness and celebrate the adoptions of children from foster care.

Since its inaugural National Adoption Day celebration in 2013, Waukesha County has facilitated a total of 696 child adoptions from 2013 to 2022. From 2018 to 2023, there have been 173 successful child adoptions, with 24 completed so far in 2023.

Despite the majority of children in foster care being reunified with a parent, there remains a pressing need for foster parents willing to adopt. In 2023, Waukesha County has welcomed and placed five babies surrendered through the Safe Haven Law, marking a significant increase from previous years.

Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow expressed his support for the event, stating, "National Adoption Day is a powerful reminder of the difference we can make in the lives of children in foster care. We commend the dedicated efforts of our community, and we continue to work towards finding loving homes for every child who needs one," County Executive Farrow said.

Currently, Waukesha County has 39 licensed general foster homes and 21 licensed relative foster homes, demonstrating a strong network of support within the community.

In Wisconsin, there are approximately 7,000 children in foster care, with 1,300 children eagerly awaiting adoption. In Waukesha County, there are currently 64 children placed in out of home care.

About National Adoption Day:
National Adoption Day is a collective, grassroots effort to raise awareness of the more than 113,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States. A coalition of national partners — the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Alliance for Children's Rights and Children's Action Network — launched National Adoption Day in 1999. National Adoption Day has recognized more than 75,000 children moving from foster care to a permanent family.

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