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Court Ceremony Unites Children, Adoptive Parents

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Clerk of Court’s office united 34 foster children with 23 couples and families in a “Forever Family Celebration” held in the Courthouse Nov. 17.

Clerk of Court Judge Kim Tucker presided over the ceremony for families to legally adopt children in foster care. The children were under the administration of foster care through Cumberland County Department of Social Services. The Clerk of Court’s office and Social Services hosted a reception for the new families following the ceremony.

“Every child wants, needs and deserves a safe place to call home,” Tucker said. “Every parent knows there is no love like that for a child. Adoption hearings are so special to me because I have the privilege of legally formalizing the beauty that happens when parents and children find each other.”

“We are so appreciative of the forever families that were created during this ceremony,” said DSS Children Section Chief Mary McCoy. “We continue to need foster and adoptive families for children here in Cumberland County to allow children in foster care to remain in their home community.”

The ceremony was one of several events held throughout November as part of Adoption Awareness month. DSS hosted a “Celebration of Adoption” dinner honoring adoptive families and community partners on Nov. 9. The agency partnered with True Vine Ministries for a “Compassion in Action” matching event where potential adoptive parents met children from Cumberland County who are eligible for adoption.

There are 905 children in foster care in Cumberland County. The Department of Social Services is seeking families and individuals to provide a loving foster or adoptive home for these children. Foster parents must be:

- At least 21 years of age
- Cumberland County residents
- Financially stable and have sufficient room in their home

Information sessions are held on the third Thursday of each month at noon and 6:30 p.m. at the DSS building, 1225 Ramsey St. Call 910-677-2541 or go to ccdssnc.com for more information.

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