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Juvenile Court Finalizes Adoptions of Special Needs Children

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN (November 17, 2007) – Juvenile Court celebrated final adoption proceedings for 30 children adopted by 21 families on National Adoption Day 2007. Six Juvenile Court judges presided over the adoptions, the culmination of a collaborative effort supported by the Hennepin County Board, Child Services workers, dozens of volunteers from the community and sponsored by Target Corporation.

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Tanya M. Bransford said, “The judges, court employees and social workers all appreciate the opportunity to create new families and find permanent, safe and loving homes for the children who need them.”

National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the 119,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. Each year in Hennepin County 600 children need adoptive families. For the last several years, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by bringing together courts, judges, attorneys and advocates to finalize adoptions and unite children with permanent, loving families.

In 2006, the judges of Juvenile Court finalized 497 adoptions of which 150 were from the Special Needs Adoption Program.

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