

National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of children waiting in foster care to get adopted. This one day offers communities across the country the opportunity to finalize adoptions and celebrate adoptive families. This year, National Adoption Day will be celebrated on Saturday, November 17. For the last 12 years, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of nearly 40,000 children come true by working with courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to finalize adoptions and find homes for children in foster care. Each year, nearly 400 events are held throughout all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam. But there is still much to be done. Children enter foster care through no fault of their own – because of abuse, neglect or abandonment from the people who should have nurtured and protected them. They will be separated from siblings. They will spend at least three birthdays waiting for their forever families, and the longer children are in foster care, the more at risk they are of growing up in care and leaving without getting adopted. In fact, each year nearly 30,000 children turn 18 without ever having families to call their own.