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Local families grow on Adoptions Day at the 16th Judicial Circuit Court

On November 20, 2018, the 16th Judicial Circuit Court for the County of Macomb celebrated National Adoption Day by confirming the adoptions of 5 year old, Aedon, and 10 month old, Nikki, by their respective foster parents. Macomb County Chief Circuit Court Judge James Biernat Jr. opened the event by giving thanks to the adoptive families and introducing his former colleague and close friend Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano. Justice David Viviano expressed words of gratitude to the adoptive families and words of encouragement to all persons contemplating adopting a child. Macomb County Chief Judge Pro Tempore Matthew Switalski confirmed both adoptions. During the hearing, Aedon's excitement got the best of him as he could not remain seated throughout the joyous life changing event. Genevieve Lukasiewicz, Aedon's adoptive mother exclaimed, "Participating in adoption day is like taking the best thing in life and making it better." When asked what she would say to other people considering adoption, Genevieve Lukasiewicz did not mince words, "Anyone considering becoming a foster parent or adopting; it is a lot of work, but well worth it. I'm a better person because Aedon is with me." Congratulations to the adoptive families in Macomb County and those families throughout the State of Michigan. Thank you, adoptive families throughout the State for sharing your special day with the public. Thank you to the respective news outlets who graciously covered the adoption hearings. It is the hope of this court as well as others that the collaboration of National Adoption Day will allow more children to find their forever home. For those persons interested fostering a child, please contact MDHHS, 1-(855)-642-4543. For those persons interested in adopting a child, please contact MARE, at 1-(800)-589-6273.

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