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## **Fifth Judicial District, Onondaga County Executive to Host 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Adoption Day Event at Syracuse's Oncenter**

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK—The Fifth Judicial District's 24th Adoption Day celebration will be held on **November 22, 2024 at 9:30 am** at the **OnCenter in Syracuse, New York**.

Doors open at 8:30 am, with the ceremony beginning promptly at 9:30 am. This annual event, sponsored by the District in partnership with Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon, is free and open to the public.

This year's celebration will mark the finalization of more than 40 adoptions—the fulfillment of dreams for children and adults looking forward to building a life of love, happiness, and permanency as an adoptive family. Guest speakers include adoptive parents Ronald and Nellie Biles and the New York State Courts' Lieutenant Peter Robinson, a Western New York native known for his leadership and community service.

All children need safe and loving homes to call their own. Currently there are more than 390,000 children in foster care in the United States, with more than 100,000 of these foster children eagerly awaiting adoption. Each year—heartbreakingly—20,000 children age out of foster care without a home or family to call their own.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please attend the Fifth Judicial District's Adoption Day Celebration or call the Onondaga County Department of Children and Family Services at (315) 435-3824.

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