

National Adoption Month: 86 children in DC in need of loving homes immediately

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WASHINGTON -- November is National Adoption Awareness Month. According to the Child and Family Services Agency, there are more than 1,000 children in foster care in the District and 86 kids are in need of permanent loving homes.

DC Superior Court and the DC Child and Family Services Agency will co-host the 30th Annual DC Adoption Day ceremony on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

In an interview, Wednesday, Judge Carol Dalton, Deputy Presiding Judge of Family Court, said about 20 children will be celebrated and adopted Saturday.

"It is probably the best part of the job as a judge, to find a permanent home for a child, particularly a child in foster care," Dalton expressed.

"We have many judges who have adopted, many social workers who have adopted, and they will tell you that they thought they would change the child's life, but the children changed their lives as well," Judge Dalton continued.

And it is something Linda Crawford and her husband can attest to. The Crawfords had been raising Destany for years, and their adoption process wrapped up just in time for the holidays.

"Yes! We have a lot to be thankful for! We are very blessed that we have her she's a beautiful child and really a sweetie pie," expressed Linda Crawford.

"I'm just happy to be able to stay with this family and not have to go with some people that I have to learn over again and start a new life with," Destany told DCW50.

Linda Crawford said she understands completely. She was adopted at 3 months old and recently connected with her biological family.

Linda whole-heartedly encourages adoption. "If you have love in your heart and the children are there, you are going to find ways to provide for them," she said.

For more information about adoption day or questions about adoption general call 202-671-love or visit this link: <http://www.dccourts.gov/adoptionday>