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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MADISON COUNTY HELD ADOPTION DAY

On Friday, December 30, 2022 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm the Madison County Circuit Court held an Adoption Day. Thirty-eight children were adopted into thirty-one families. There are many children in foster care who wait three or more years before being adopted. Three years is a very long time in a child’s life. Another sad statistic is that one in five children will “age out” of foster care without ever being adopted.

“Providing permanent, stable, loving homes for children by creating new families is one of the most important services the Courts can provide” Circuit Judge Amy Maher says about the program. Judge Maher is the Presiding Judge of Madison County’s Juvenile Division. “Adoption Day is a day to celebrate with the children who have found their forever home, and to raise awareness for the children in foster care throughout our county who are waiting to find permanent, loving families. This is our fifth year celebrating this special occasion and we are excited to see the event grow bigger each year.”

In addition to Judge Maher, Circuit Judge Amy Sholar and Associate Judges Andrew Carruthers, Angela Donohoo, Ron Foster, Martin Mengarelli, Ron Motil, and Maureen Schuette presided over the adoptions.

Tom Cinque, from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, performed magic for the children, there was also t-shirt painting, face painting, balloon artists, and refreshments available.

All those interested in learning how to become foster parents are encouraged to contact The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoptions www.davethomasfoundation.org or The Restore Network www.therestorenetwork.org.