



Second Judicial Circuit of Florida Press Release

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jessica Deneen (850) 606-4333
Kim Stephens at 850-606-4423

*****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*****

2nd Judicial Circuit Expands “Home for the Holidays” to Celebrate Both Adoption and Reunification

Tallahassee, FL —The Second Judicial Circuit will host its annual *Home for the Holidays* celebration on Friday, December 19, 2025, honoring two powerful pathways to permanency: adoption and reunification. Circuit Judge Barbara K. Hobbs will preside over the event, which will be held in Courtroom 2F at the Leon County Courthouse. Adoption finalizations will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by reunification celebrations at 10:30 a.m.

Traditionally focused on finalized adoptions, *Home for the Holidays* has long been a joyful court tradition that celebrates children finding their forever families. This year, the Court has expanded the event to also recognize families achieving permanency through reunification, reflecting the Court’s commitment to honoring stability, healing, and hope for children and their families.

This year’s celebration is made possible and further enriched by the generous, voluntary support of dedicated community partners. Camelot Community Care, which leads adoption efforts across the circuit, is providing special touches to honor families finalizing adoption. Safe Families for Children of North Florida, whose team stepped forward after learning of the plans to celebrate reunified families, took the lead on elevating the event further with warm, welcoming, and festive elements for all families. Their contributions, including holiday-themed decorations, gifts, and photo opportunities in partnership with Mandie Barber Studios, ensure a memorable celebration filled with care and community spirit.

For more information about the *Home for the Holidays* event, please contact Jessica Deneen at (850) 606-4333 or DeneenJ@leoncountyfl.gov.