National Adoption Month
Activities from November 2016
Current State

- There are 217 children in Permanent Custody
- Another 52 children have PC orders that are under objection or appeal with the legal system
- Scheduled to finalize 84 adoptions in 2016
- Finalized 85 adoptions in 2015
- Finalized 90 adoptions in 2014
Numbers are Growing
MCDJFS has seen a steady increase in children coming into Permanent Custody over the last 12 months. Reasons include:

- Legislative changes limiting when Planned Permanent Living Arrangement can be granted to child welfare agencies
- Local Permanency Roundtable Initiative
- Courts willing to grant Permanent Custody sooner if warranted
National Adoption Day
Nov. 17 in Probate Court

There were 15 adoptions on Judge McCollum’s docket, including 11 through Montgomery County Children Services.

The Lambert Family
National Adoption Day

Families enjoy being part of a day where so many children find their forever families. Probate Court staff members enjoy it too.
TV Spots

Received permission to use national PSA’s from Wendy’s Wonderful Kids and AdoptUSKids. These were locally-tagged with a message from Commissioner Dodge.

Here is an example.
https://youtu.be/FOZ4DZR96SI
TV Spots

• A total of 553 spots were scheduled to air
• Campaign ran for one month, concluding last weekend.
• Time Warner Cable and affiliated networks ran the spots.
• Hallmark Channel, Food Network, HGTV, OWN, Travel Channel and faith-based programming were among the placements.
Events

Nov. 5 – Adoption Celebration at Englewood Family Fun Center for families who finalized in the last year
Nov. 19 – Annual Family Fun Day recruitment event
New Partnership

Grant Me Hope, a non-profit from Michigan, is producing profile videos for our waiting children.

- 4 completed in August
- 8 more taped in November at Carillon Park
- 4 more being planned for January
Grant Me Hope

• Videos have been running in Cincinnati market
• Received interest in running them from local channels 22 and 45
• High-quality productions valued at over $2,000 apiece were donated to help our children
• They have already generated interest
• Here is an example
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnJjZchmzLA
Questions?

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