

2014 Adoption Day Activities in Nebraska

Fremont – Grand Island – Hastings – Kearney – Lincoln

Norfolk – North Platte – Omaha – Scottsbluff-Gering

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Fremont

National Adoption Day – Saturday, November 22, 2014

(In order to increase awareness of the need for foster care adoptions in Nebraska, broadcast and still cameras will be allowed during select adoption hearings where adoptive parents have signed a waiver. Please check with Meggie Misfeldt for participating families.)

Fremont Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Kenneth Vampola

Celebration:

Saturday, November 22, 2014

1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

3200 Military Ave.

Fremont, Nebraska

Media Contact:

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We will be honoring past, present, and future adoptees and their families. There will be dessert, soft drinks, and child entertainment TBA. This event is not open to the public.

Grand Island

National Adoption Day – Saturday, November 22, 2014

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Grand Island/Hall County Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Phillip Martin

Celebration:

Saturday, November 22, 2014

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Grand Theater

316 W. 3rd St.

Grand Island, Nebraska

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We will be finalizing 14 adoptions and celebrating many more forever families brought together in 2014. Judge Martin will recognize the adoptions and give a roll call of all adopted children in attendance. There will be concessions provided during the movie 'Despicable Me', gift bags, games, and family photos will be provided.

Hastings

National Adoption Day – Saturday, November 22, 2014

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Hastings/Adams County Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Michael Offner

Celebration:

Saturday, November 22, 2014

10 a.m.:

Adoption Hearings:
Adams County Courthouse
500 West 4th Avenue
Hastings, Nebraska

11 a.m.:

Lunch and Fun at the Y:
Hastings YMCA
1220 W. 18th St.
Hastings, Nebraska

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Hastings’ **10th Annual Adoption Day** – We expect 5 adoptions to be finalized that day. However we invite all adoptees and their families to attend. A luncheon will be followed by free admission at the YMCA for all attendees including activities such as swimming, arcade games, adventure maze, and much more!

Kearney

National Adoption Day – Saturday, November 22, 2014

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Kearney/Buffalo County Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Gerald Jorgensen

Celebration:

Saturday, November 22, 2014

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kearney Area Children’s Museum
5827 4th Ave.
Kearney, Nebraska

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We will be celebrating 11 adoptions. There will be a pizza party for lunch with plenty of activities including door prizes, a caricature artist, a photo booth, and the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program (CHIP).

Lincoln

National Adoption Day – Saturday, November 15, 2014

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Lincoln/Lancaster County Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Reggie Ryder

Celebration:

Saturday, November 15, 2014

9 a.m. to Noon

Justice and Law Enforcement Center– 3rd and 4th floors

Lincoln, Nebraska

Lincoln's 10th Annual Adoption Day Party to be held throughout the 3rd and 4th floors. The number of adoptions (approximately 34 children) necessitates the use of multiple floors. Party activities include food and refreshments, balloon artists, face painting, arts and crafts, "First Family" photos, and appearances by Runza Rex and Saltdogs Homer.

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Norfolk

National Adoption Day – Saturday, November 22, 2014

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Norfolk/Madison County Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Ross Stoffer

Celebration:

Saturday, November 22, 2014

3 p.m.

Norfolk YMCA

301 W. Benjamin Ave

Norfolk, Nebraska

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The Norfolk area Adoption Day festivities will be held at the YMCA in Norfolk, NE. There will be a meal provided and several activities, as well as door prizes for the adopted children and their forever families. The event is sponsored by Health and Human Services, 7th Judicial District, CASA, NFAPA, FCRO, Nebraska Children's Home, Building Blocks, Behavioral Health Specialists, and the Norfolk YMCA.

North Platte

National Adoption Day – Saturday December 6, 2014

(In order to increase awareness of the need for foster care adoptions in Nebraska, broadcast and still cameras will be allowed during select adoption hearings where adoptive parents have signed a waiver. Please check with Laura Davis for participating families.)

North Platte/Lincoln County Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Michael Piccolo

Celebration:

Saturday, December 6, 2014

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

1400 East E St.

North Platte, Nebraska

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The Nebraska Children's Home Society and the Lincoln County Court system are teaming up to celebrate adoptions completed in the last two years. Families will be invited to participate in a special celebration with Mayor Dwight Livingston including games, food, 'First Family' photos, a surprise visit from Santa, and door prizes.

Omaha

National Adoption Day – Saturday, November 22, 2014

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Omaha/Douglas County Celebration:

Host Judge: Judge Wadie Thomas, Jr.

Press Conference:

8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Second Floor Legislative Chamber, City-County Building

Guest Speaker:

Lori Graham

Celebration:

Saturday, November 22, 2014

9 AM to Noon

Douglas County Juvenile Court, Douglas County Courthouse, Civic Center side

1819 Farnam St.

Omaha, Nebraska

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We will be celebrating our 15th consecutive year participating in National Adoption Day. Activities and entertainment planned: balloon artist, face painting, magician, "First Family" photos, Omaha Street Percussion, pool/pizza party at the Downtown YMCA, and much more!!

Scottsbluff/Gering

National Adoption Day – Saturday, December 6, 2014

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Scottsbluff/Gering; Scotts Bluff County Celebration:

Host Judges: Judge James Worden and Judge Kris Mickey

Celebration:

Saturday, December 6, 2014

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Educational Service Unit 13, Conference Rooms B/C

4215 Ave. I

Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Activities will include games, prizes, face painting, lunch, a visit from Santa, and much more! Celebrating past adoptions and families.

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