



County of Roanoke

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

JOYCE W. EARL
DIRECTOR

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Roanoke Bar Association

P. O. Box 18183
Roanoke, VA 24014

Dear Roanoke Bar Association,

I am writing on behalf of the Roanoke City/Roanoke County/Salem Adoption Day Committee. Every year during November, America's national Adoption Month, our community hosts a very special Celebration of Adoption on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We celebrate every adoption completed in the past year, all post- and pre-adoptive families in our three localities and our Circuit Court even opens up and Judge Swanson Finalizes nominated Adoptions in the morning so there are brand-new families in attendance along with old friends and colleagues involved in Adoptions. All of our local agencies who work with Adoption are invited as well as GAL's, Family Law and Adoption Attorneys. This year our celebration is on November 17th at 11:00 AM at Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem, VA.

Please find attached an invitation for your members. RSVP's are essential so that we have enough food!

Lastly, we would also ask that your members consider donating to the event. There is limited public funding and our activities must always be partially funded by the donations of stakeholders such as the Roanoke Bar Association. Checks can be made out and mailed to:

23rd District Adoption Day Fund

C/o Ben Jones
P.O. Box 1127
Salem, VA 24153

Thank you for forwarding this message to your members promptly so all have time to RSVP. If there are any questions about this event, this invitation or the solicitation, please feel free to contact me at the very earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Benjamin S. Jones, LCSW
Family Services Supervisor
Chair, 15th Annual Adoption Celebration Committee
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YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED TO ATTEND
THE *15th ANNUAL* ADOPTION CELEBRATION ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

ADOPTION FINALIZATIONS will take place at the Roanoke County
Courthouse at 10:00am

FAMILY CELEBRATION AND RECEPTION will be held at Andrew Lewis
Middle School beginning at 11:00am
(side gym entrance beside track field)

Please join us for a fun filled time with children's games and family activities.
Snacks will be provided.

ALL ADOPTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED

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RSVP is required

Your reply is requested by November 1, 2018

540-265-8923 ext 8028 OR

lisrael@depaulcr.org

Please indicate your name and names and ages of others attending with you.

If you are a professional staff person please indicate your name and title.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

SALEM/ROANOKE COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 23RD DISTRICT
ROANOKE CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT
ROANOKE CITY, ROANOKE COUNTY AND SALEM DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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