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Home For The Holidays: Six Children in Foster Care United with Their Forever Families Through Efforts and Advocacy of Adoptions Together

(Maryland, Virginia, DC) December 17, 2020 – As we come to the end of a year marked by challenges and stress for so many, six children who live in state foster care and their new adoptive parents have one simple wish for the holidays – certainty. In states including Tennessee, Texas, New Jersey, and New Mexico, these children in foster care have been waiting for months and even years to find families of their own, and months more for the paperwork to go through once they’re matched. When the placement process slowed down due to COVID-19, the team at Adoptions Together, an adoption non-profit based in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC, consistently and tirelessly advocated for these children and their families to ensure the final steps of this process would be completed before the holidays.

Today, our agency is proud to announce that four of these children have come home and we are working tirelessly to make sure that the final two make it home by Christmas. You can only imagine the joy these children and families will feel celebrating their first holiday season together.

“Every single one of the more than 120,000 kids available for adoption in the foster care system not yet claimed by a family desperately needs and deserves a loving, supportive, and nurturing family of their own. The holidays are often an extra-challenging, traumatic, and lonely time for children in foster care. As an agency focused on lifelong growth and healing every day of the year, we knew the importance of persistently working to ensure these children will be placed

with their families before the holidays,” says Janice Goldwater, Founder & CEO of Adoptions Together.

Once these children are united with their families, Adoptions Together’s work is not done. The agency will continue to be a part of the family’s path well past finalization, providing ongoing support and counseling for their lifetime.

About Adoptions Together: Adoptions Together, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, supports children and families formed through adoption, guardianship, foster care, and kinship care with specialized services offered at locations in Maryland, Virginia and DC. Through its expertise in family services, adoption, education, therapy, and public-private and community partnerships, the agency has touched the lives of more than 15,000 families and children since it was founded 30 years ago. Adoptions Together’s mission is to build healthy lifelong family connections for every child and to advocate for continuous improvement of systems that promote the well-being of children. One of the agency’s guiding principles is inclusivity: all families and children are welcome regardless of gender, age, race, religion, wealth, health, marital status, or sexual orientation. With a holistic network of more than three dozen innovative services that build and strengthen families, Adoptions Together is one of the most diverse independent social service agencies serving Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC.