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COUNTY ADOPTIONS 5th ANNUAL “SPRING FLING IN THE PARK”

Children in Foster Care Find Permanent, Loving, Adoptive Homes at this Event Each Year

Children eligible for adoption, prospective adoptive parents and social workers from the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will gather for the 5th annual “Spring Fling in the Park.” This event often turns the dream of a family into a reality for many foster children in our county in a fun and relaxed environment.

“Spring Fling” will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Admiral Baker Field Cookhouse Picnic Area, 2400 Admiral Baker Road in San Diego.

On any given day, there are approximately 150 foster children waiting for permanent adoptive homes in San Diego County. San Diego County Adoptions works tirelessly to find homes for these children, including those who are considered to be difficult to place. Children of minority backgrounds, sibling groups, children over the age of five and those with special medical or behavioral needs often wait longer for loving homes.

The “Spring Fling” is an adoption matching event which allows waiting children to meet prospective parents in an atmosphere that is safe, comfortable and fun for all. The prospective parents are from our county as well as other cities in Southern California. The invited families have been evaluated and meet the criteria for becoming adoptive parents.

The children will be treated to puppet shows, magicians, crafts, carnival games, fire truck tours and a picnic lunch.

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