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National Adoption Day in Cochise County Celebration

Bisbee, Arizona, October 9, 2018. On November 9th, Cochise County Superior Court Presiding Juvenile Judge Terry Bannon will preside over the courts 4th annual Adoption Day celebration.

Celebrate with us and the families adopting as we share this memorable moment of joy at this special event. The celebration culminates with the formal adoption court proceeding and will be held on Friday, November 9th at Cochise College Sierra Vista campus, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room.

“The adoption ceremony is the culmination of the journey. Adoption marks a new chapter in the lives of these families,” stated Judge Bannon.

Cochise County Superior Court, Court Administrator Eric Silverberg announced the keynote speaker for the event will be Ms. Rita Soronen from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

“We are honored to welcome Ms. Soronen as our keynote speaker as she will make this event extra special,” Silverberg said.

The mission of the Dave Thomas Foundation is to dramatically increase the number of adoptions from foster care. More than 150,000 children are in foster care nationwide. The Arizona Department Child Safety reports (6/30/2018) that 14,491 Arizona children are in and out of home care which includes foster care.

For over 30 years, Soronen has worked on behalf of abused, neglected and vulnerable children and has served as President and CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption since 2001. Prior to her service with the foundation, she served as the Executive Director of the Franklin County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program.

CASA programs nationwide provide a valuable function for the court as the CASA volunteers serve as the voice for abused and neglected children in our communities.

Cochise County’s CASA program, County Attorney’s Office, and First Things First, are important partners of this year’s Adoption Day celebration.

