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MEDIA CONTACT:

Central Region Office Hosting Regional Kick-Off for Virginia Adopts: Campaign for 1,000

Tuesday, July 23 • 7 to 9 p.m.

J. Sargeant Reynolds Workforce Development and Conference Center

Of the 4,000 children in Virginia's foster care system, 1,000 are ready for adoption. Anyone interested in helping one of these children find a loving family and permanent home is invited to attend the Central Regional Kick -Off of Virginia Adopts: Campaign for 1000, an initiative launched on May 17 by Gov. Bob McDonnell to match 1,000 children in foster care with 1,000 families. The event is designed to further promote the Campaign for 1,000 and highlight some of the children across the Commonwealth who are in need of a forever family. Parents and families interested in foster care adoption should attend. The event will provide educational information for parents wishing to become adoptive parents. For specific event information, see below.

The event will be held on Tuesday, July 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at J. Sargeant Reynolds Workforce Development and Conference Center located at 1651 East Parham Rd, Richmond.

- Welcome: Secretary of Administration Janet Kelly
- Keynote Speaker: Anne Holton, former First Lady of Virginia and J&DR Judge, who now leads the collaborative effort between the Virginia Social Services System and the Virginia Community College System promoting college attendance by foster children – Great Expectations
- Presenters on Adoption from the parent's perspective AND a child's perspective.
- Presentation on services available for adoptions
- For more information including registration, please visit <http://www.centralvirginiaadopts.eventbrite.com>

This event is hosted by the Central Regional Office, Virginia Department of Social Services in partnership with the Governor's Office.