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Foster Children across Arkansas Adopted as part of National Adoption Day Celebration

Dozens of children in the Arkansas foster care system found their forever families this month when their adoptions became final as part of National Adoption Day celebrations that were held across the state, according to the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Jason and Nicole Stone of Little Rock finalized the adoption of their 2-year-old daughter, Remie, on Thursday during a celebration in Pulaski County in which 13 children were adopted. Remie joins four other children in the Stone family, including another daughter adopted from the foster care system.

“We’ve long known that Remie was meant to be part of our family,” Jason Stone said. “It feels amazing now that she’s legally a Stone. It’s really good to have that official. We couldn’t be more excited.”

The Stones, along with Pulaski County juvenile court judges, DHS Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) staff and other adoptive families gathered at the Pulaski County Juvenile Justice Complex for the celebration. They released balloons in honor of the 690 children statewide who were adopted during State Fiscal Year 2013 and more than 500 who are still waiting to find a family of their own. National Adoption Day is held every November to highlight the need for adoptive families.

Nationwide, there are more than 100,000 children available.

“It’s a great day to celebrate the adoptions that were finalized, but a little bittersweet to think about the hundreds of children in Arkansas who are still waiting for their forever family. Our work isn’t done,” said Cecile Blucker, Director of DCFS.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about children in Arkansas waiting to have a family of their own, please contact the DHS Division of Children and Family Services at: (501) 682-8462 (Central Office) or 1-888-736-2820 (toll free). You also can meet children waiting to be adopted by visiting the DCFS Heart Gallery at: www.adoptarkansas.org