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# Summit County Probate Court arranges backpacks for Adopting families

*Jockey Being Family Foundation provides for adoptees and siblings*

(Summit County, Ohio- October, 2019) – Adoption means finding your forever family. As part of its support for adoption, the Jockey Being Family Foundation has offered to provide each adoptee and their siblings with a monogrammed backpack containing a teddy bear and blanket. In addition, each family receives a Parent Resource Tote with post adoption resources.

October adoptees and their families were the first recipients of the new backpacks in Summit County Probate Court. The Jockey Being Family National Backpack Program has provided newly adopted children with over 30,000 personalized backpacks nationwide.

“Adoption is the end of one journey and the beginning of another,” shared Summit County Probate Court Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer. “We are excited to be a part of that journey and to celebrate with families. This program gives a tangible reminder of their new beginning.”

“Helping a child and parent become a family is one of the most rewarding duties of the Court, said Adoption Clerk Stephanie Wintermute. “Whether you are a two-parent family, a single parent or stepparents, consider creating a loving forever bond with a child through adoption.”

The need for adoption continues to be great. At the beginning of October 2019, there were 142 children in the permanent custody of Summit County Children Services. Forty-nine of those children have no identified adopted family. Children in the permanent custody of Summit County Children Services are often adopted by their foster parents. All adoptive parents are also licensed for foster care.

**Please note, the families have given permission for use of their photographs but it is our practice to not release the names of those in adoptions.**

For more information about adoption go to <https://www.summitkids.org/Child-Services/Adoption>.

You can find more information about the Jockey Being Family Foundation go to <https://www.jockeybeingfamily.com/>.

For more information about Summit County Probate Court please contact Lisa Mansfield Community Outreach Specialist at (330) 643-7346.



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