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## **SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE ON NOVEMBER 17**

### ***100,000 Children Waiting for "Forever Families" on National Adoption Day***

**NEW YORK & 65 CENTERS NATIONWIDE, November 12** –This Saturday, more than 100,000 children, some of whom have waited years for someone to love them, will be again making hopeful holiday wishes that some kind families may adopt them and that they may finally become part of their “Forever Families.”

As part of *National Adoption Day* on Saturday, November 17, the 125-year-old national children’s crisis charity KidsPeace and many other nonprofit organizations are calling good-hearted Americans with love to spare to learn about and consider adopting a child in need.

Nearly 120,000 children are waiting to be adopted and many have been waiting for 3-5 years to find a safe, loving family they can call their own. The face of adoption is changing, with older children, youngsters with disabilities, and kids who not only need a loving home but help to overcome crises such as abuse. Though they need the most help, one in 10 of these children will reach the age of 18 without finding a forever family.

KidsPeace has helped place more than 25,000 children in adoptive homes and has some 40 centers around the country dedicated to helping foster and adoptive children. To learn more about foster care and adoption, or find events in your area, go to [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org) , [www.nationaladoptionday.org](http://www.nationaladoptionday.org) , [www.adopt.org](http://www.adopt.org) or [www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.org](http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.org) .

### **About National Adoption Day**

National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. For the last eight years, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by working with courts, judges, attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for children in foster care. National Adoption Day is celebrated every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. For the first time in 2006, National Adoption Day was celebrated in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In total, more than 250 events were held throughout the country to finalize the adoptions of more than 3,300 children in foster care, and to celebrate all families who adopt.

KidsPeace is a 125-year-old national children’s crisis charity dedicated to giving hope, help, and healing to children facing crisis. KidsPeace directly helps thousands of children a day with life-saving treatment to overcome the crises of growing up. Supported by VIP leaders including its national spokesperson Leeza Gibbons and child safety and self-esteem icon RETRO BILL, KidsPeace helps millions more each year through prevention and awareness programs designed to help America’s kids and parents avoid and overcome the kinds of crises that can affect any child – from disasters and personal traumas to family issues and neglect. KidsPeace was named “The Outstanding Organization” of its kind in the country by the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children and was called “a prototype of what we need for all children everywhere” by the late, nationally renowned child and family expert, Dr. Lee Salk.