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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DEKALB JUVENILE COURT AND CHILD ADVOCATE NETWORK  
TO HOST APPRECIATION CEREMONY**

*Fox 5 News Co-Ancor Amanda Davis to Serve as Guest Speaker*

**DECATUR** – The DeKalb County Juvenile Court and the Child Advocate Network, Inc. will honor more than 400 volunteers at its “**Annual Volunteer Ceremony**” on Thursday, September 24, 2009. The event will be held at the Maloof Auditorium, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, Georgia beginning at 6:00 pm. Amanda Davis, Emmy award winning co-anchor for FOX 5 News, will serve as guest speaker for the event. In addition, Ms. Davis will be honored for her tireless work and commitment to youth in “*Wednesday’s Child*”, a FOX 5 weekly series profiling foster care children who are available for adoption and in need of permanent homes in Georgia.

The ceremony will include recognition of volunteers in the following areas: Citizen Panel Review Program, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Youth Diversion Program, Community Service Program, and Youth Achievement Program. Collectively, the volunteers being honored have contributed over 30,000 hours of service each year on behalf of children served by the DeKalb Juvenile Court.

For more information about the event, contact Phyllis Douglas, Director of Court Services, 404-297-2777.

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