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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 was previously scheduled for the Maloof Auditorium, but due to flooding, the new location is the Lou Walker Senior Center, located at 2538 Panola Road, Lithonia, GA 30058 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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