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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Families on the Move's Director Veda Thompkins to Receive Maura D. Corrigan Foster Family Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Who:** Veda Thompkins, Director of Families on the Move, will be the recipient of the Maura D. Corrigan Foster Family Lifetime Achievement Award for Exemplary Service to Michigan's Children and Families, during the Court's virtual Adoption Day festivities. Former Chief Justice Corrigan will present the award.

**What:** The award, sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court, was established in honor of Justice Corrigan, who as Chief Justice, focused on finding forever homes for children in foster care. Corrigan, who later served as the head of Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for serving some of Michigan's most vulnerable citizens and has been widely credited for improving the child welfare system.

**When:** Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will be held via Zoom and livestreamed on the Court's [YouTube](#) page.

**Why:** With the theme of "Giving Thanks for Families," courts statewide will celebrate Adoption Month, 2020. Held on or near the Tuesday before Thanksgiving each year, Adoption Month has become a holiday tradition, highlighting the importance of adoption and the needs of children in foster care. Many courts will finalize adoptions, while others will hold informational events to reach potential adoptive parents.

*Streaming will begin shortly before the ceremony begins.*

A list of statewide events is available [here](#). For information about the event, please contact Lynn Seaks, Court Relations Program Coordinator at 517-373-1067.

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