

Miracles do happen: Judge approves family's adoption - Atlanta adoptive families

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On Thursday morning, the Hook family of Franklin, TN, stood before a judge. For nearly 5 hours, they testified, shared their stories, answered questions, and tried to show the judge one thing:

Children with disabilities are no less children, no less valuable, no less human. They are equally deserving of the love, support, and protection of a family.

Both the [Hook family](#) and the [Davis family](#) are seeking to adopt through Reece's Rainbow (learn more [here](#)). Andrea Roberts, a former Atlantan, is the founder of this organization, committed to adoption, advocacy, outreach, and aid for children born with Down Syndrome, as well as other special needs.

In both cases, the families are seeking to adopt a child with Down Syndrome. And in both cases, they faced the same judge.

This was the judge that heard the [Davis family's adoption case on March 17](#), and denied it.

But this morning, after 2 days of questions and deliberation, the judge approved the Hook family's adoption. Evan is now legally their daughter. This was a wonderful victory, and the story spread quickly through email and social networks.

To say the victory is enormous would seem to be an understatement.

On Thursday, the same day the Hooks' court hearing began, the Davis family's legal representatives were filing their appeal in Kirill's home country.

So while there is one victory to celebrate - and that victory is incredible - the battle is not yet over. The Davis family's appeal seeks to have the Supreme Court overturn the judge's the decision. Or the judge could even choose to overturn her own decision, without the appeal.

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Until then, the entire Reece's Rainbow family - those who have adopted, those waiting to adopt, those who have supported the ministry through prayers or financial gifts, even celebrity supporters like [Patricia Heaton](#), [Marlee Matlin](#), [Mariel Hemingway](#), and [Alyssa Milano](#)- all wait and pray for the next miracle...

...for [Kirill](#) to be allowed to go home with his Daddy and Mommy.

To learn more, visit:

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