

Ethiopian Embassy Organized an Event for Adopted Children

Embassy of Ethiopia, in collaboration with Orphan Institute, has organized an event for Ethiopian adopted children by Americans in Washington DC. The event that took place at the Ethiopian embassy in Washington DC on 12 November 2016 has brought more than 115 Ethiopian adopted children and their adoptive families across the US. The event was organized to create connections and help the adopted children strengthen the relationship with their origin country, Ethiopia.



Amb. Girma Birru addressing the event

During the occasion the Ethiopian Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Ambassador Girma Birru said "the adoptive families and their Ethiopian origin children can be instrumental in further strengthening the relationship between our two sisterly countries. I am confident that the engagement we started today will be sustainable and we will make the best out of it." The Ambassador further noted, "these types of annual engagement will help the children and their parents to constantly be engaged with Ethiopian Embassy and Ethiopia at large. We will work to this goal through our public diplomacy department at our embassy."

During the occasion Ambassador Susan Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children Issues, from the state Department of the US shared her experience and thank the Ethiopian embassy for organizing such event that will help the children in connecting with their

country of origin. Some adoptive families have also shared their experiences and testified about their adopted children's wish to connect with their country.



Ambassador Susan Jacobs speaking at the event

In a closing remark, Ato Tesfaye Wolde, Minister Counselor, Public Diplomacy and Communication said that the doors to the embassy are always open to adopted children and their families as the Embassy wants to be a primary resource for the children to learn more about Ethiopia.



During the event, the participants enjoyed the cultural music and dance show, Ethiopian coffee ceremony and Ethiopian cuisine lunch served. More than 4400 American adoptive families have adopted Ethiopian children in the last 15 years, it was learnt.



Pictures from the event