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**Morris County Couple Honored For Fostering 200 Children**

*The Regads have fostered many children with disabilities during 20 years*

Monmouth Junction, NJ, May 1, 2009 – Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS), along with the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), presented Carol and William Regad with the DYFS Director's Award at the annual Resource Family Recognition Dinner on May 1.

The event, which took place at the Sheraton-Eatontown Hotel in Eatontown, NJ, coincides with May's National Foster Care month. The Regads, residents of Succasunna, NJ, have fostered for more than 20 years. Many of the children have special needs, physical and emotional.

In addition to the three toddler children currently in their care, the Regads have four adopted children who have been with them since birth. The children are currently 17, 20, 23 and 24 years of age.

Carol Regad was once asked how she handles the profound responsibility of being a foster and adoptive parent. She answered: "All I have to do I just look at them, and they are the ones that give me the strength to do what I have to do."

FAFS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the special needs of the more than 5,000 foster, adoptive and kinship families in New Jersey, who provide

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care for more than 9,000 children. FAFS advocates for improved foster care and adoption services, provides support to foster, adoptive, and kinship parents, and promotes an enhanced understanding of foster care and the adoption of children from foster care.

The new FAFS Foundation is a nonprofit that provides the parent organization with financial support for many of its privately-funded programs. For more information about the Foundation please call 609-977-4880 or visit the Web site, [www.fafsfoundation.org](http://www.fafsfoundation.org).

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