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Gloucester County Foster Children Receive Help From Local Organizations

Matt Blatt Auto Sales & Gloucester County Bar Foundation provided holiday cheer to Gloucester County's children in foster care

Monmouth Junction, NJ, May 1, 2009 – Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) presented Matt Blatt Auto Sales and Gloucester County Bar Foundation with FAFS' Commitment 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 Gloucester County Bar Foundation has spent the last seven years helping to provide Gloucester County children in foster care with a holiday party. In addition, Matt Blatt Auto Sales, located in Glassboro, NJ, annually donates gifts for the party.

The gathering features a visit from Santa, who each child gets to spend a few moments with. The event also features visits from Mrs. Claus, Santa's helpers, the mascot of the Philadelphia Phillies – the Philly Fanatic – among other special guests.

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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 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.

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