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Neptune Pair Honored For Their Commitment to Adoptive Care

One child adopted from Guatemala

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 Sally Jacober-Brown and Jim Brown with the Outstanding Adoptive Family 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. This Monmouth County couple currently has three adoptive children: siblings Ashley and Glenn as well as 5-year-old Abby, who came to them as an infant from Guatemala with various medical issues.

The strong connection that the Jacober-Browns have with their adoptive children is quite apparent. When Ashley, 8, and Glenn, 10, who have been with the Jacober-Browns since August 2007, were given the opportunity to select the last name they wanted to use, they both didn't hesitate in selecting 'Brown.'

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The children also are excelling in the classroom. Glenn has advanced from being in a self-contained special education classroom to being mainstreamed in a regular classroom with 90 minutes of in-class support for language arts. Ashley also has improved dramatically, earning straight As and being on the high honor roll. She is now a grade level above her peers.

Through it all, the Jacober-Browns have made it a point to make sure the children continue to preserve and honor their past. They've made sure the children stay connected to the culture and memories of their birth families.

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.

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