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### **Single Foster Parent Dad Is Living His Dream**

*Hudson County foster parent purchased a larger home so he could continue  
fostering four boys*

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 Lorenzo Bennett with the Outstanding Foster 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. The Jersey City man has been a licensed foster parent for four years. He is currently fostering two sets of male siblings: one set consists of 2-year-old and 4-year-old boys and the other set consists of a 3-year-old and 5-month-old who were both drug exposed.

Bennett realized early that his home wasn't going to meet certain qualifications so he decided to purchase a larger home so he could continue fostering these four boys. While reunification with the biological parents is always a possibility for the pair of siblings, Bennett has said that he wouldn't mind actually adopting the four boys.

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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.

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