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**Passaic County's Catherine Fredericks Joins The Foster and Adoptive  
Family Services Foundation Board of Trustees**

*The Wayne resident has fostered more than 30 children during the last 20 years*

Monmouth Junction, NJ, July 8, 2009 – The Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) Foundation is pleased to welcome Catherine Fredericks to the board of trustees effective immediately.

Janet Farrand, FAFS Foundation president, said: “We are very pleased to welcome Cathy to the Foundation. Her efforts will help expand the resources available to New Jersey’s foster, adoptive, and kinship families as well as help FAFS grow and benefit more children in foster care as we move into the future.”

Fredericks has fostered more than 30 children since 1990, many of whom have special needs. She has shown an unwavering commitment to FAFS and continues to be an active member of the organization.

Fredericks is perhaps best known for her work with foster and adoptive families in Passaic County. She is a leader of the Passaic County Volunteer Committee, which provides assistance and guidance to other foster, adoptive and kinship families and the children in their care. Fredericks also is a founding board member and vice president of a group known as Circle of Care for Families and Children of Passaic County, which is a care-management organization dedicated to coordinating care for children with significant behavioral difficulties who are in danger of residential placement.

Fredericks, who has a graduate degree in Speech/Language Pathology, is employed as a Speech Language Specialist for the Wayne Board of Education. In addition, Fredericks has maintained a private practice for more than 30 years that specializes in developing communication for severely disabled children.

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Fredericks joins a FAFS Foundation board that consists of President Janet Farrand, Vice President Don Florek, Treasurer Ed Ciak, and Trustees Sue Dondiego and Fran Borgenicht.

The FAFS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was formed in December 2008 to assist FAFS, the parent organization, in raising funds for its privately-funded programs and services. For more information on the FAFS Foundation please call 609.977.4880 or visit [www.fafsfoundation.org](http://www.fafsfoundation.org).

For more information on FAFS' programs, please contact FAFS at 609.520.1500 or visit [www.fafsonline.org](http://www.fafsonline.org). FAFS' mission is to provide support, training and advocacy to meet the special needs of foster, adoptive, and kinship families, who provide safe, stable and nurturing homes for children in foster care.