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**FAFS Celebrates 35th Anniversary by Honoring Morris County's Janet
Farrand**

Farrand now serves as president of the new FAFS Foundation

Monmouth Junction, NJ, May 1, 2009 – Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) presented Janet Farrand with the first FAFS Founders' 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. Farrand, who received this special award along with Middlesex County's Edward Ciak, was acknowledged by FAFS co-founder, Sue Dondiego, at the end of the evening.

Farrand, a Long Valley resident, served as FAFS president from 1998 to 2008. She currently is vice president on FAFS' board of directors as well as president of FAFS' new Foundation, which was created to help support the privately-funded programs and services of the parent organization.

In addition, Farrand and her husband, Dan, have been foster parents for more than 20 years and have cared for more than 50 children. The Farrands also have two biological sons and two adopted daughters.

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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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