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New Jersey State Police Make Holidays Brighter for Children in Foster Care

*FAFS and the PBA join together to bring Happy Holidays
to New Jersey's children in care*

Monmouth Junction, NJ, October 29, 2009 – Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) and the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) are hosting their eighth annual statewide PBA toy drive on December 8 at Royal Albert's Palace in Fords, NJ.

The goal of FAFS is to provide a joyous holiday celebration for children living in New Jersey foster care homes. The PBA's generosity helps FAFS make the holidays brighter for foster children and their families.

For the last 16 years, FAFS has provided toys to children in foster care homes under the leadership of FAFS Executive Director, Mary Jane Awrachow.

"The holidays are often a difficult time for our children because of the losses they have experienced," said Awrachow. "The generosity and kindness of the members of the State PBA softens these losses and brings happiness and joy to children in foster care throughout New Jersey."

Toys collected on December 8 will be distributed to children at each county's annual holiday party, which is organized through FAFS' Local Volunteer Committees and Affiliate.

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Royal Albert's Palace is located at 1050 King Georges Post Road in Fords, NJ 08863. The drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Foster and Adoptive Family Services is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to providing 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.

To receive more information about FAFS' services, or to donate to the toy drive, contact Nicky Goodwine-Samuels, Director of Development and Communications, at 1.800.222.0047.

Foster and Adoptive Family Services: The Voice of Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Families in NJ.