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### **Hurricane Sandy Not Strong Enough to Scare Away**

#### **Walk For Children in Foster Care Participants**

*On the eve of the devastating storm, Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) received \$50,000 donation to fund programs and mission*

Monmouth Junction, NJ, November 4, 2012 – What’s stronger than Hurricane Sandy? New Jersey’s commitment to helping foster, adoptive and kinship families! Despite the impending storm, people came out to support FAFS and the FAFS Foundation’s Walk for Children in Foster Care on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at Buccleuch Park in New Brunswick. The coming wind and rain didn’t dampen anyone’s spirits or quell their generosity. During the event, FAFS received a \$50,000 donation from the Foundation in support of FAFS’ many programs and services that impact the lives of New Jersey’s foster, adoptive and kinship families.

“I am excited, and extremely grateful, to accept this donation from the FAFS Foundation,” says Glenda Y. Elie, President of FAFS. “It’s a testament to the Foundation’s success that, after just four years in existence, they are able to provide us with such a generous sum in support of our mission. On behalf of FAFS’ foster, adoptive and kinship families, our staff and our volunteers, we thank the Foundation for their commitment to our organization. We hope all our families stay safe during the storm.”

Children in foster care were in the thoughts of many during their own time of need. Reopening after Hurricane Sandy, FAFS was moved to receive offers of help for our families and many inquiries on becoming a foster parent, and adopting from foster care, in New Jersey.

To learn more about FAFS’ free programs and services for children in out-of-home placement and the families who care for them, or to learn how to become a foster parent, or adopt from foster care, in New Jersey, please visit [www.fafsonline.org](http://www.fafsonline.org).