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Krayseky Family Presented Award for Service to Foster Children in NJ

EATONTOWN, NJ – Dan and Deb Krayesky of Brick Township, NJ turned a personal loss into a monumental gain for two young boys in need. For this, and for their commitment to providing safe, stable and nurturing homes to children in New Jersey, the Krayeskys received the Outstanding New Foster Family of the Year award at Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) and the state Department of Child Protection and Permanency's (DCP&P) annual recognition awards.

The couple accepted the award at the Pacific Concord Hotel in front of a crowd of more than 100 foster, adoptive and kinship parents and children, as well as dozens of FAFS and DCP&P staff members.

The Krayeskys were doing their best to overcome a deeply personal and devastating loss when they decided to become new foster parents. They welcomed two young boys into their home who were timid and untrusting at first. But after experiencing all the warmth and love the Krayeskys have to offer they've grown to become bright, thriving, well-adjusted and happy children.

For the first time, the Krayesky's foster children are experiencing playing team sports like soccer, where they can learn important life skills and build lasting friendships. They're finding out for the first time that spending the holidays with a loving family is a feeling like no other. According to the boys, everything about their new family is absolutely "awesome."

FAFS Chief Executive Officer Mary Jane Awrachow said, "The Krayeskys exemplify what is so remarkable about thousands of foster, adoptive and kinship families across the state – their willingness to provide safe, stable, nurturing homes for children in need. We applaud their dedication to New Jersey's children in care."

To earn the award, the Krayeskys met criteria set by the FAFS Board of Directors, which included heightening awareness of foster care, extraordinary commitment to children in care, positive impact on the foster, adoptive and kinship community and improving community outreach for the benefit of children in adoptive care.

For more than 20 years FAFS, in cooperation with DCP&P, has recognized individuals and families for outstanding achievement in supporting children in foster care.

The mission of FAFS 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 in New Jersey. FAFS is a federal

501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, with headquarters on Route 1 in Monmouth Junction. Simply stated, FAFS is the voice of foster, adoptive and kinship families in New Jersey.