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Foundation Awarded Special Commitment Award

May 10, 2013, Monmouth Junction, NJ - For over 20 years Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS), in cooperation with the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) has recognized individuals, families and organizations for outstanding achievement in the area of supporting children in foster care. On Saturday morning, May 4, 2013 the tradition continued with the Annual Recognition Brunch held at the Sheraton Eatontown.

The 2013 Award Recipients for the Commitment Award are the volunteers of the Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation. This award was established to acknowledge the contributions of an individual, team of individuals, or an organization that has steadfastly supported FAFS efforts to succeed in its mission. The Foundation's members have embarked on a long road to find greater financial resources, expand the network of interested citizens, and help create better outcomes for children and families. Accepting the award were four key foundation volunteers: Ed Ciak, Lisa DeMarco, Janet Farrand and Don Florek. The award was approved by a select committee from written nominations submitted to the organization. Along with the Commitment Award, eleven other awards were presented at the annual recognition event.

FAFS CEO, Mary Jane Awrachow commented, "Every year, these presentations highlight the efforts of hundreds of families and concerned citizens across our state. They are inspirational and focus on the good that people do, each and every day."

The mission of Foster and Adoptive Family Services is to provide support, training and advocacy to meet the special needs of the 7,000 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. The organization serves as a catalyst for positive advances in the child welfare system. Simply stated, FAFS is the VOICE of foster, adoptive and kinship families in New Jersey.

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