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**Glenda Y. Elie Elected President of Foster and Adoptive Family Services**

*The Willingboro resident has served on the board of directors since 2009*

Monmouth Junction, NJ, November 18, 2010 – Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) announced on November 13th that Glenda Y. Elie was elected as the organization’s president during the recent board of directors meeting. Elie’s duties as FAFS president began effective immediately.

Elie has served on FAFS’ board since the summer of 2009. She assumes the presidency from Janis Nietzer, who served as FAFS president for the last 4 years. Nietzer was elected by the board as FAFS’ first vice president.

“The decision to become a foster parent is one of the biggest commitments a person will make in their lifetime,” said Elie. “Although I’m not a foster parent myself, I am proud to be part of a larger community that comes together to care for New Jersey’s most vulnerable children. While not everyone is able to become a foster parent, everyone is able to help abused and neglected children by supporting their caregivers’ efforts to provide them with a safe home.”

“Whether you volunteer to help out at a County Holiday Celebration or another event, or donate to FAFS’ Scholarship and Opportunity Grant program for children aging out of foster care so they can pursue their educational and vocational goals, you can make a difference,” Elie enthuses.

FAFS Executive Director Mary Jane Awrachow agrees with Elie and feels that FAFS’ new president is a shining example of this philosophy. Awrachow believes Elie’s experiences volunteering to help children, both with the Make A Wish Foundation as a Wish Granting Mentor and as part of Foster and Adoptive Family

Services Board of Directors, make her uniquely suited to her new unpaid position and will bring a fresh focus to the organization.

“FAFS is very fortunate to have Glenda as our next President. She is creative, talented and enthusiastic, and she cares deeply for our children and families. We believe our mission will be further enhanced through her leadership,” said Awrachow

Foster and Adoptive Family Services is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, dedicated to meeting the special needs of foster, adoptive and kinship families, who provide safe, stable and nurturing homes for children in foster care in New Jersey.

Anyone interested in receiving more information about FAFS or its services can contact Mary Jane Awrachow, Executive Director, at 1.800.222.0047.