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**New Jersey Police Make Holidays Brighter for Children in Foster Care Again This Year**  
*FAFS and the PBA join together to bring Happy Holidays to New Jersey's children in foster care*

Monmouth Junction, NJ, December 31, 2013 – Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) and the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) held their annual statewide PBA Toy Drive recently at the Pines Manor in Edison, New Jersey.

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

"For several decades, FAFS has provided celebrations, toys and a sense of belonging to children in foster care homes during this special season. The New Jersey PBA is a great partner with our organization. Children come into foster care for various reasons, including neglect. For these children, many may have never known the joy of the season. The generosity of the members of the State PBA enhances the holiday celebrations that we sponsor and brings joy to the children. These gatherings allow children to have fun, eat a few holiday treats and share a smile with other children. The efforts of the State PBA help make this happen and are deeply appreciated," said FAFS Chief Executive Officer, Mary Jane Awrachow.

PBA collected toys will be distributed to children at county annual holiday celebrations across the state, which are organized through FAFS' Support Networks and Affiliate. These volunteers provide a key service in coordinating the local celebrations.

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 assist with the 2014 A Holiday Celebration for Every Child program, contact Lynn Patmalnee at 1.800.222.0047, lpatmalnee@fafsonline.org or visit [www.fafsonline.org](http://www.fafsonline.org).