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**LONG VALLEY RESIDENT JANET FARRAND RECEIVES  
PRESTIGIOUS NEW JERSEY STATE GOVERNOR'S JEFFERSON AWARD**

***Woman voted one of 2010 Female Legends of Morris County once again honored  
for her service to New Jersey children and youth in foster care***

Monmouth Junction, NJ, May 4, 2012 - Janet Farrand, President of the Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation (FAFSF) and Second Vice President of Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS), received a 2011-2012 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Award in recognition of her volunteer service to youth on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Newark Museum in Newark, NJ. The New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards honors people who perform outstanding community service. Award recipients are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition or reward.

Farrand's impact on children and youth in foster care in New Jersey is unprecedented. She was a driving force in the creation and passing of the Tuition Waiver Bill, which provides eligible foster youth with full tuition to college, university or vocational school. Her work resulted in the launch of the FAFS administered New Jersey Foster Care Scholars program. Over 140 students have completed degree or certificate programs as NJFC Scholars at accredited colleges, universities, and trade/career schools since the program began eight year ago. The 2010-2011 academic year resulted in 32 graduates, the most in any single year of the program. Farrand founded FAFS' Fostering Wishes for Children Program, which helps foster parents pay for "little extras," such as art or music lessons, prom bids, and more experiences that boost their children in foster care's self-esteem. Over 1,200 wishes have been granted since the program's inception. She remains one of the top supporters of FAFS' Camp Scholarships program, which has given over 200 children in foster care the opportunity to learn positive skills and gain happy summer memories. Literally

hundreds of children and youth in foster care benefit daily from Farrand's volunteer efforts.

Farrand "is truly a remarkable woman who always put the needs of others above herself," says Mary Jane Awarachow, FAFS CEO. "As one of the presenters at the awards ceremony said, 'The reason volunteers don't get paid is because their work is priceless.' This certainly applies to Janet."

The Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides financial support to Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS).

Foster and Adoptive Family Services is a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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.

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