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**Janet Farrand Named Advocates For Children of New Jersey's 2011 Boskey
Volunteer of the Year Award Winner**

*FAFS Foundation President and FAFS 2nd Vice President honored for her
accomplishments in improving the lives of children and families in New Jersey*

(Monmouth Junction, NJ) – June 9, 2011 – Janet Farrand, longtime foster parent, President of the Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation (FAFSF) and Second Vice President of Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) will be presented with the 2011 Grace Boskey Volunteer of the Year award by the Advocates For Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at the ACNJ's Annual Meeting in Newark, NJ. Farrand will be honored for her accomplishments in improving the lives of children and families in New Jersey.

Farrand was selected as the 2011 Boskey Volunteer of the Year based on her ongoing commitment and advocacy for New Jersey children in out-of-home placement. From her extraordinary efforts in fundraising (A Day at the Races: A Kentucky Derby Celebration to Support Children in Foster Care); to founding FAFS' Fostering Wishes for Children program, which, to date, has granted over 1100 wishes for the State's children in foster care; and for her groundbreaking work, in conjunction with others, on the Tuition Waiver Bill, which resulted in the inception of the New Jersey Foster Care Scholars Program.

“It’s an honor to receive this award from ACNJ, an organization I hold in such high esteem,” says Farrand. “I’m blessed with a wonderful husband and family, and the joy of living and working on a farm surrounded by God’s natural beauty. All our efforts as foster parents, and my efforts as a child advocate, have hopefully ‘paid it forward’ and made some positive ripples in the pond of life.”

Foster and Adoptive Family Services is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. FAFS’ mission 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. To learn more about FAFS, please visit www.fafsonline.org.

Advocates for Children in New Jersey gives voice to the needs of children by educating and engaging state leaders and educating the public through research, policy and legal analysis and strategic communications. To learn more about ACNJ, please visit www.acnj.org.

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