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### **NJ CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE GET NEW SHOES FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

*FAFS and Payless Shoesource® team up for a third time to help kids in need*

Monmouth Junction, NJ, December 28, 2011 – For the third year in a row, Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) has been selected to participate in the *Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids Program*, a grass roots campaign to deliver \$1.2 million in free shoes to children of families in need. FAFS distributed Payless gift coupons to children in foster care at holiday celebrations throughout New Jersey.

“It’s an honor to be selected by Payless for the third year in a row for this generous program,” said Mary Jane Awrachow, FAFS Executive Director. “Payless’ commitment to helping the community is admirable, and very much needed, during these continued difficult economic conditions.”

Payless gift coupons not only offer financial assistance to foster families; they also help children in foster care in ways that are priceless. Being given a new pair of shoes all their own -- ones they can choose for themselves -- boosts their self-esteem and makes them feel special.

FAFS is pleased to team up once again with Payless Shoesource® to make the holidays brighter for New Jersey children in foster care.

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.

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