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## **FAFS voted among New Jersey's Top Nonprofit Organizations**

Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, November 10, 2014 – Families across the state came together to voice their support for Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS), the nonprofit organization they agree has excelled in providing reliable support for their foster, adoptive and kinship families since 1974.

The Monmouth Junction-based nonprofit group was named one of the Top-Rated Nonprofits of 2014 by Greatnonprofits.org, a hub site for those seeking out exemplary nonprofits, after New Jersey foster, adoptive and kinship families gave the organization [glowing online reviews](#).

“I know for sure I would not be nearly as fulfilled and informed as I am were it not for this amazing organization and the wonderful people involved,” wrote one reviewer. “I have had so many wonderful experiences with all my kids and have been opened up to so many more things! ... On top of all this, FAFS provides all the trainings both in person and via their online educational services to keep me licensed and up to date on all the important issues surrounding this part of my busy life.”

FAFS prides itself on its mission, according to CEO Mary Jane Awrachow: 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.

“We at FAFS are honored to be one of the top nonprofits for 2014,” Awrachow said. “Our mission is rooted in the belief that abused and neglected children deserve safe, loving homes, and the families who provide these homes deserve support, training and advocacy. We accept this honor on behalf of the resilient children in the foster care system and the dedicated families who care for them.”

There are currently about 7,000 children in foster care in New Jersey and nearly as many families and individuals statewide who are responsible for their well being. These foster, adoptive and kinship families rely on FAFS to improve their experience with care by providing superlative resources and support like the New Jersey Foster Care Scholars Program, which offers eligible foster and homeless youth assistance with tuition fees at public colleges, universities and vocational schools.

FAFS' Self Esteem Dreams Initiative, made possible with funding from the Dreams R Us Foundation and gracious donor support, gives children who are, or have been, in foster care in New Jersey the opportunity to enjoy experiences that enrich their lives.

The currently underway annual Holiday Toy Drive gives children in foster care the opportunity to benefit from a holiday season complete with the warmth, welcoming and care every child deserves year-round.

FAFS is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, with headquarters on Route 1 in Monmouth Junction. The organization serves as a catalyst for positive advances in the child welfare system. Simply stated, FAFS is the voice of foster, adoptive and kinship families in New Jersey.