

Annual Report: 2007-08 Fiscal Year

FAFS volunteers and staff work together to meet the mission of FAFS.

Contract Achievements: From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Support: Professional staff working relentlessly as frontline advocates to serve foster, adoptive, and kinship families in an objective and empathetic manner.

Achievement: The Hotline responded to 11,042 callers, exceeding the contract objective by 5%.

Achievement: Through its Peer-to-Peer Program, FAFS received 60 newly licensed homes, which equaled the contract objective.

Achievement: Resource Family Advocates worked with 941 resource parents, often serving as the liaison between DYFS and resource parents, exceeding the contract objective by 25%.

Achievement: FAFS conducted 50 exit interviews with resource parents who closed their homes, which equaled the contract objective.

Achievement: Attendance at Volunteer Committee meetings reached 1,744 resource parents, which exceeded the contract objective by 45%.

Education and Training: Developing and offering in-service training to resource parents.

Achievement: Overall in-service trainings – including E-learning, county, teleconferences and home correspondence – reached 1,595 resource parents. This exceeded the contract objective by 33%.

Achievement: FAFS specifically reached 679 resource parents through its E-learning trainings, which exceeded the contract objective by 36%.

Achievement: Overall in-service trainings received a satisfaction rating of 99.8% from resource parents.

Achievement: Attendance at county-based trainings reached 562 resource parents, which exceeded the contract objective by 7%.

Achievement: The Scholarship Department received 244 new students, which exceeded the contract objective by 63%. Scholarship also had 311 re-applicants, which exceeded the contract objective by 2%.

Development and Communications: Advancing the mission of FAFS through the contributions and efforts of staff and volunteers who serve on FAFS' fund development, membership and awards committees.

Achievement: Published two issues of Connections, FAFS' bi-annual newsletter, highlighting issues about upcoming events, FAFS' private and public scholarship programs, foster care legislation and FAFS' training courses.

Achievements: In May 2008 -- National Foster Care Month -- FAFS honored resource families, art contest winners, outstanding youth award winners, and an outstanding Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) staff member at the annual Recognition Dinner, held in conjunction with DYFS.

Achievement: Conducted our annual meeting, bringing together NJ resource parents. Resource parents met with staff and volunteers from FAFS. The meeting allowed resource parents and members of FAFS to meet and interact with the Department of Children and Families and DYFS.

Volunteer and Affiliate Committee Chairs for the 2007-08 Fiscal Year:

Pete Macrie, Atlantic County
Rosanne Doyle, Bergen County
Joyce Wakefield, Burlington County
Etta Branco, Camden County
Stacey Greene, Cape May County
Jacquelyn Henschke, Cumberland County
Cynthia Glover, Gloucester County
Michele Robbins, Hunterdon County
Eileen Palladino, Mercer County
Janis Nietzer, Middlesex County
Lisa Van Dam, Monmouth County
Michelle Cannaveno, Pres. Morris Affiliate
Michael Moore, Newark
Kimberly Singleton, Ocean County
Mary Anne Swinarsky, Passaic County
Tami Baytops, Salem County
Joyce Hughes, Somerset County
Carmen Pinto, Suburban Essex
Cheryl Novak, Sussex County
Carol Danco, Union County
Laurie Braman, Warren County

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Financial Summary: Foster and Adoptive Family Services, State of New Jersey Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2008.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue			
Government grants	\$ -	\$ 4,838,051	\$ 4,838,051
Government grant refund	-	(608,997)	(608,997)
Contributions and other income	450	50,169	50,619
Dues	9,400	-	9,400
Fund-raising income	3,382	15,841	19,223
Interest and dividend income	<u>43,098</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>43,836</u>
Total revenue	56,330	4,295,802	4,352,132
Net assets released			
from restrictions	<u>4,288,633</u>	<u>(4,288,633)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	4,344,963	7,169	4,352,132
Expenses			
Program services	4,232,228	-	4,232,228
Management and general	101,403	-	101,403
Fund-raising expenses	<u>2,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,215</u>
Total expenses	4,335,846	-	4,335,846
Increase (decrease) in net assets	9,117	7,169	16,286
Net assets, beginning of the year	350,099	250,407	600,506
Net assets, end of year	359,216	257,576	616,792

Significant Achievements and Special Events

FAFS: A vision realized and dramatically expanded

Achievement: The Fostering Wishes for Children program is a FAFS initiative that covers the entire state and provides children in foster care with those extra items they might not otherwise be able to have. FAFS awarded 122 wishes in the amount of \$9,140 for the 2007-08 fiscal year. *The number of wishes awarded is dependent upon funds available and applications received.

Achievement: The past fiscal year included FAFS' holiday toy drive, A Gift for Every Child, which was another huge success. With the help of our various donors – including schools, businesses, religious institutions, the NJ State Policemen's Benevolent Association, and our 21 county FAFS volunteer committees and one affiliate – we were able to distribute thousands of toys and gifts to children in foster care. Each county also held a holiday party/toy distribution.

Achievement: During the 2007-08 fiscal year, FAFS provided private scholarships and opportunity grants totaling \$11,500 to 13 youth who were graduating from high school and had been in the care of, or adopted from, the New Jersey foster care system.

Achievement: FAFS provided \$12,180 in camp scholarships to 29 youth in foster care to attend Camp Johnsonburg during the summer of 2007.

Achievement: FAFS held two raffles during the 2007-08 fiscal year, receiving \$7,740 in contributions, which generated \$3,870 net proceeds in unrestricted funds.

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Special Contributors: We once again received overwhelming support from FAFS members and the community. Unfortunately, we cannot list everyone. However, we especially wanted to thank the following people/organizations:

Access New Jersey Title, LLC

Camp Johnsonburg

Children's Aid & Family Services

CSC Employee Charity Fund

Mrs. Janet Farrand

Mr. Don Florek

Guest Supply

Mr. James Hill

Kohl's

Long Valley Women's Club

Mr. Pete Macrie

Mr. and Mrs. John Nowak

Macy's

The Edmund N. & Virginia H. Moriarty Charitable Foundation

Morris County NJ Chapter Thrivent Financial

Norkus Charitable Foundation

New Jersey State PBA

Point Pleasant Boro Rotary Club

Presbyterian Churches of: Hackettstown, Long Valley, Lower Valley, Parsippany, Rockaway

Presbyterian Women of: Parsippany and Hilldale Park

Pro Bono Partnership

Roma Bank Community Foundation

Langdon Ford Financial

Edison Elks Lodge

Provident Bank Foundation

The Prudential Foundation

Toys for Tots

The Smullen Family

United Way

Wal-Mart

Youth Advocate Program

Zion Lutheran Church of Morris County

On behalf of the foster, adoptive and kinship families of New Jersey, please accept a heartfelt thank you from Foster and Adoptive Family Services!