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**Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Honors Executive Director and Founder of Local Non-Profit
With Prestigious Angel in Adoption Award**

Forever Families Through Adoption, Inc. (FFTA), a NY and CT-authorized, Hague Accredited, private, non-profit, adoption placement agency and resource center located in Rye Brook, New York, is pleased and honored to announce that Executive Director, Joy S. Goldstein, LCSW, ACSW, has been selected by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand as a recipient of the prestigious 2012 'Angel in Adoption' award. The Angels in Adoption award is presented by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) and provides an opportunity for all members of the U.S. Congress to select honorees who exemplify the goals and values of the program, of raising awareness about children in need of a permanent loving family.

Recipients were chosen based on their commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent loving homes, and are honored for their dedication to adoption and positive child welfare practices. On September 11th in Washington D.C., Joy was presented with the Angel award by Senator Mary Landrieu, a founding member of the CCAI, and instrumental in creating the Angel in Adoption award, believing in the need to raise public and congressional awareness about issues of adoption.

As an adoptive parent of three sons and an adoption professional with over 28 years in the adoption field, Executive Director Joy S. Goldstein co-founded FFTA in 2007 to realize her goal of not only serving children in need, but also to increase positive adoption awareness, empower families and serve the community. As a Westchester native and life-long resident, Joy has worked tirelessly to fulfill FFTA's mission of uniting children in need with their forever families, and to positively contribute to her community. Joy inspires those around her and is widely recognized in the field for her compassion and her expertise. "I was truly honored and humbled to receive this award. It was heartening and moving to be among so many devoted 'Angels,'" Joy stated.

Forever Families Through Adoption, Inc. was founded and is staffed by social workers, attorneys, adoptees, and adoptive parents, and believes that every child eligible for permanent adoption, regardless of racial or ethnic background, age, or physical or emotional challenge, has the right to grow up in a loving, nurturing, secure, and forever home. FFTA is committed to treating all persons with respect, dignity and compassion and welcomes all families regardless of race, religion, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, nationality or disability.

Drawing from Joy's leadership and vision, with a focus on professionalism and service excellence, FFTA seamlessly blends private placement services, community education and awareness programming, and a progressive, inclusive approach to family building through adoption. To learn more, visit FFTA on the web at www.ForeverFamiliesThroughAdoption.org or contact FFTA at adopt@ForeverFamiliesThroughAdoption.org or (914) 939-1180. To learn more about CCAI and the Angels in Adoption program, visit www.ccaiinstitute.org/ and www.angelsinadoption.org