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**FCS to honor Church & Dwight Employee Giving Fund, Inc., Tracey Wolfman
and Debbie O'Donoghue at Leading Lights Gala, Nov. 16**

Long Branch, NJ, Sept. 10, 2019 – Family & Children's Service (FCS), Monmouth County's oldest, private, nonprofit social service agency, will honor two longtime community partners, owner and CEO of We Care Adult Care, Inc., Tracey Wolfman and Church & Dwight Employee Giving Fund, Inc., along with its former Board Chair, Debbie O'Donoghue at the 2019 Leading Lights Gala, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, at Navesink Country Club (NCC). The honorees were announced at a kick-off reception for the gala Tuesday, Aug. 20, hosted by board member Carrie Page and her husband Steve.

Honoree Debbie O'Donoghue's commitment to FCS spans over two decades. Her volunteer efforts and strong leadership skills led to her being appointed to the agency's board of directors in 2004, where she served with distinction for 15 years. In 2012 and 2013 Debbie served as FCS Board Chair. During her tenure as Board chair, Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast, devastating the area and impacting many FCS clients. Keeping the agency's mission in mind, Debbie spearheaded an effort to create the agency's Client Emergency Relief Fund (CERF), raising over \$50,000 from dozens of generous donors to directly assist agency clients affected by the storm.

Honoree Tracey Wolfman has been a long-standing and dependable community partner of FCS, working closely with its Community Support Services. Tracey, a registered nurse with a master's in Nursing Administration from Teacher's College, Columbia University, launched We Care Adult Day Care, Inc. in 2000. For the last 30 years her dedication to working with the elderly population and her specialized knowledge in Alzheimer's disease have helped countless people afflicted with the disease and their caregivers.

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The agency will also honor Church & Dwight Employee Giving Fund, Inc. for their employees' generous and continuous contributions to FCS throughout the years. The Church & Dwight EGF is the workplace giving program of Church & Dwight Co., Inc. It supports charitable organizations in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, the region where the company's corporate headquarters is located and where many employees reside. A 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, the EGF is supported by employees' contributions, which are matched dollar for dollar by Church & Dwight. Employees then select charitable organizations to receive the donations.

The Leading Lights Gala is the agency's largest annual fundraiser, proceeds of which are used to support essential community programs and services including protection for vulnerable adults, home care for the frail and elderly and school-based volunteer programs designed to promote childhood well-being. The ticketed event will include a cocktail hour, live and silent auctions, and dining and dancing to the music of Swingadelic. To learn more about sponsorship, underwriting and ad journal opportunities or to receive an invitation to the Leading Lights Gala, contact FCS Director of Development Diane Gribbin at 732-22-9111 ext. 134 or email at dgribbin@fcsmonmouth.org or visit FCSGala.givesmart.com. To learn more about the agency programs and services that assist people in the community, please visit the FCS website at www.fcsmonmouth.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fcsmonmouth.

About Family & Children's Service

Family & Children's Service (FCS) strengthens, protects and preserves the dignity and independence of people in need. With 110 years of history, FCS is the oldest, private nonprofit social service agency in Monmouth County and a leading volunteer organization. Our mission is to provide compassionate care, intervention and education to support people at challenging times in their lives. We accomplish this through more than a dozen programs focused on the needs of multiple at-risk populations, including: Adult Protective Services; Jersey Assistance for Community Caregiving (JACC); Healthy Buddies, an intergenerational childhood obesity prevention program; Home Care Services and Homecare Grant Assistance; Medicaid Application Assistance Program (MAAP); Operation Sleighbells, a holiday giving program for children; Reading Buddies, an in-school childhood literacy program; Representative Payee, a financial management program for people with physical, mental health and developmental disabilities; Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); Statewide Respite Care; State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), a Medicare counseling service and Telephone Reassurance. Learn more at www.fcsmonmouth.org.

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