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**Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley and Sons of Italy  
Pasta Dinner Fundraiser A Huge Success**

*More than 200 came out to support local foster children  
in the Merrimack Valley*

**EDITORS:** Select event photos available for download:

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**Lawrence, MA. November 16, 2009:** The Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley held its third annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at the Sons of Italy, Lodge 902 in Lawrence on Friday, November 6, 2009. More than 200 supporters came out to eat and help raise money to support foster children in the Merrimack Valley. Proceeds from this event go directly toward the upcoming Annual Holiday Party held every December for foster children ages birth to 18.

“We are so grateful about this year’s Pasta Dinner, it was an incredible evening. We are fortunate to have such generous supporters who help push beyond our expectations every year,” stated Larry Giordano, Founder of Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley. “We would also like to recognize our partners: The Sons of Italy who have been our host since we started, Mr. & Mrs. Bonanno who tirelessly cooks pasta and meatballs, and Cedar’s Mediterranean Foods who donated appetizers. We thank everyone who helped make this our most successful Pasta Dinner Fundraiser.”

Pictures from the event may be viewed on the group’s Facebook Fan Page:

<http://bit.ly/4qNhxr>

We are still looking for Santa’s Helpers to sponsor a foster child’s wish list this holiday season. For more information, email [santashelpers@fosterkidsmv.org](mailto:santashelpers@fosterkidsmv.org).

Donations are welcome to support the Annual Holiday Party. Visit <http://fosterkidschristmas.eventbrite.com> to make a donation online.

**About Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley**

We are a certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of foster children in the Merrimack Valley, including Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, and North Andover. With hundreds of foster children in our local area, they need role models who can make a difference in their lives. Through the efforts of the organization, our goal is to bring a positive influence into the lives of these children and support them as they grow. We offer a range of programs for local foster children of all ages. We work closely with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to make sure our programs are complementary and needed, and do not overlap with state and federally funded programs. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.fosterkidsmv.org>

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Photos:

FKMV\_PastaDinner\_1.jpg: The sisters from Presentation of Mary were in attendance at the Pasta Dinner fundraiser for the Foster Kids of the Merrimack Valley.

MrMrsBonanno\_FKMV.jpg: Mr. & Mrs. Bonanno cook for 200+ at the Pasta Dinner fundraiser.

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