

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the CHILDREN'S AID AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC. (CAFS) is a non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey subject to the provisions of Title 15A of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of CAFS is to provide a variety of services to establish permanent stable relationships for children and assist individuals of all ages and their families with preventive, therapeutic and counseling programs; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2008, CAFS acquired the one family dwelling at 161 Pleasant Valley Way (Block 179.14, Lot 13.03) for use as a residential foster home in furtherance of its stated mission; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2009, CAFS made application to the Township Tax Assessor pursuant to Section 4-3.6 of Title 54 of the New Jersey Statutes, for exemption from 2010 real property taxes for 161 Pleasant Valley Way as a building actually and exclusively used for the moral and mental improvement of men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has reviewed the application of CAFS and determined that the aforesaid property was owned and actually used by CAFS in furtherance of its stated charitable purposed and entitled to exemption from real property taxes in year 2010; and

WHEREAS, however, because of the large volume of tax appeals and other matters the Tax Assessor through inadvertence did not note the tax exemption on the Township records when those records were filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has requested that this Council order the correction of the Township records to note that the aforesaid property is exempt from real property taxes for 2010;

WHEREAS, this Council is desirous of honoring the request of the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, legal counsel has advised that this Council may grant the request of the Tax Assessor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Tax Assessor and Tax Collector be and they are hereby directed to note on their records that the real property commonly known as 161 Pleasant Valley Way (Block 179.14, Lot 13.03) is tax exempt for year 2010.
2. The Tax Collector is directed to refund to the CHILDREN'S AID AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC., the owners of the aforesaid property, any 2010 real property taxes paid by it.

Sal M. Anderton, Council President

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Adopted: December 14, 2010