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SPECIAL NEEDS VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT WT CLARKE HIGH SCHOOL

Old Bethpage, NY –Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), in partnership with the East Meadow School District, is proud to announce that the FREE Players Variety Show Extravaganza will take place on Friday, April 28th, at 7:00 p.m., at WT Clarke High School located at 740 Edgewood Drive in Westbury, NY.

When:
Friday
April 28, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Where:
WT Clarke High School
740 Edgewood Drive
Westbury, NY 11590

In addition to the FREE Players, East Meadow Special Education Students will also be participating this year on the same stage! The FREE Player Mentors are teaching special education students at East Meadow School District's WT Clarke HS, verbal and nonverbal communication and expression through theater exercises. The FREE Players Mentors then support the students with reading and memorizing 3 minute skits from familiar

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movies or theatrical pieces. FREE mentors are also working with special education students in the area of music. The FREE Players Drum Corp Mentors have been supporting special education students at Bellmore Merrick HS to learn drumming techniques. Both groups will be performing with the FREE Players as one of the acts in this year's Variety Show.

The FREE Players are a one-of-a-kind theatre troupe within FREE embracing the talents of performers of all abilities. The FREE Players dedicate their energies to the arts through instruction in dance, drama, music, technical theater, and fine arts. Through the arts, individuals have made great strides in improving their interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to multitask, focus, and take direction, all of which helps them move towards their goal of being independent contributing members of society.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door on the night of the show. A percentage of the proceeds will go to supporting East Meadow Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA). SEPTA will also be holding a Bake Sale and 50/50 raffle during the event.

For more information about the FREE Players, please contact Christine Scarpinato at 516-870-1600 ext. 1709.

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), founded in 1977, benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to assist individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing; recovery services; transition to work; employment; day, community and family services; respite; crisis services; education and after school support; specialty health services; and advocacy.

FREE also collaborates with a variety of diverse 501(c)(3) nonprofit partners on educational, vocational, rehabilitative and a myriad of other creative initiatives to enhance the local communities and the lives of more than 25,000 people that reside within them. Each of the valued partners of the FREE Network have a unique mission, vision and strategic goals that are aligned in purpose, and embody the spirit of the meaningful work we do every day.

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