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## \*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

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## LOCAL NON-PROFIT CELEBRATES WYANDANCH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' GRADUATION FROM JOB READINESS PROGRAM

**Old Bethpage, NY** – On Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 a.m., Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), in partnership with Wyandanch High School, will be hosting a "Culmination Ceremony" for high school seniors who participated their Workforce Development Program. The ceremony will be held at FREE's Old Bethpage headquarters located at 191 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road.

When: Thursday June 8, 2017 12:30 p.m.

Where: Fundraising Room Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. 191 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road Old Bethpage, NY 11804

\*\*\*Great visuals as over a dozen young people will be celebrating their achievement in higher education\*\*\*

FREE partnered with Wyandanch High School to provide a Workforce Readiness program to a class of approximately 15 seniors in Wyandanch High School over this past 2016-2017 school year. The model of the program is blended with the first 3 quarters of immersive learning in the classroom led by a Wyandanch HS

teacher about career readiness which included various guest speakers and Career Exploration Field trips coordinated by FREE, and 4th quarter internship placements at FREE's Old Bethpage location in various departments such as Finance, Affirmative Business Development, Human Resources, Information & Technology, Nursing, Psychology and more.

## Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

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 has a unique mission, vision and strategic goals that are aligned in purpose, and embody the spirit of the meaningful work we do every day. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit <u>www.familyres.org</u>.

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