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# TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS SHARE THEIR STORIES OF TRIUMPH

### Highlight Importance of the Traumatic Brain Injury Medicaid Waiver Program

**Old Bethpage, NY** – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.(FREE) is honored to share the stories of individuals in their Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program in this video on their YouTube channel: <a href="https://youtu.be/BiZeL2KZYSs">https://youtu.be/BiZeL2KZYSs</a>. These individuals would not have been able to achieve their successes without the Traumatic Brain Injury Medicaid Waiver Program.

The Traumatic Brain Injury Medicaid Waiver Program serves as a vital and essential component in the lives of those affected by TBI and their families. As a team, FREE has witnessed the incredible trials and tribulations their participants are faced with in addition to the overwhelming obstacles they have overcome. Their men and women have been traveling to Albany over the last few years to advocate to legislators about the importance of these services and to ask them to please vote against the switch towards Managed Care Panels, which would affect their lives in unimaginable ways. FREE wanted their individuals to share their own personal journeys as TBI survivors. Their voices and stories can now be heard to gain support and spread awareness about the importance of the TBI waiver

If you would like to learn more about FREE's Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Services, please call: Dina Forgione, LMSW, Senior Director of Integrated Health and Community Services at 631.273.1300 x3536, Elana Sprung, MS, CRC, Community Services Supervisor at 631.273.1300 x3459 or visit www.familyres.org/traumatic-brain-injury-medicaid-waiver-program-tbi.

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### 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 <a href="www.familyres.org">www.familyres.org</a>.