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## FAMILY RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL ENTERPRISES CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF QUALITY SERVICE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

## 40<sup>Th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF LIFE GALA RECOGNIZES ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMMUNITY IMPACT

**Old Bethpage, NY** – On Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Family Residences and Essential Enterprises (FREE) will hold the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FREE at their **Celebration of Life Gala** at the Bourne Mansion in Oakdale, NY., 6:00 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. dinner. FREE is celebrating 40 years of providing the highest possible quality of supports and services to help individuals with disabilities realize their highest potential. The event is being hosted by the National Foundation for Human Potential. They will be honoring Stony Brook University Partners with the **Community Impact Award**. FREE is collaborating with Stony Brook School of Professional Development to enhance the skills and knowledge of staff by offering graduate and non-credit programs to FREE's employees on site at FREE's Old Bethpage office.

For more information about the Celebration of Life Gala, or to inquire about tickets, sponsorship opportunities or journal ads, please contact Development and Mission Advancement at 516-870-1697, email: <u>Mission\_Advancement@familyres.org</u>

#### 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>.

#### **National Foundation for Human Potential**

The mission of the National Foundation for Human Potential is to promote, develop and encourage educational and support services for children and adults that are differently-abled, and/or at-risk youth, through financial and other means of support. To meet that purpose, the Foundation raises funds and provides contributions and grant awards to organizations which build communities.

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