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FREE AND THE LENZ WINERY UNVEIL WINE LABEL FEATURING ARTWORK OF SPECIAL NEEDS ARTIST AT PRIME



Left to Right: Jerol Bailey, Director of Sales, The LENZ Winery; Jeff Bailey, The LENZ Winery; Robert S. Budd, CEO, FREE; Ed Regensburg, Director of Art Therapy, FREE; Desiree Louis, FREE artist; Jessica Gallone, Senior Program Director, FREE; Sue Sorrentino, Senior Vice President, Integrated Day and Youth Services, FREE and Paulo Villela, Corporate Beverage Director, Bohlsen Restaurant Group.

Old Bethpage, NY – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) and The LENZ Winery hosted a Wine Tasting Dinner where they unveiled their latest collaboration, a wine label featuring a piece designed by Desiree Louis, a special needs artist supported by FREE, entitled HURRICANE, which is being featured on a 2016 Rose. The Wine Tasting Dinner and unveiling were held at PRIME: An American Kitchen & Bar in Huntington.



Bottles with the HURRICANE label were available for purchase at the event.

"We are excited to continue our very special partnership with LENZ. They have long been a supporter of FREE, and have hosted a number of showcases for artwork created by members of FREE's art program," said Robert S. Budd, CEO, FREE. "This latest collaboration is a beautiful example of the power of art, and its ability to transcend boundaries," he continued.

HURRICANE is a part of the "Ascension" Collection. "Ascension", FREE's second Professionally Juried Competition of artwork created by the Artists of FREE, is currently on exhibit at The LENZ Winery. The exhibit runs through September 4th, 2017, at the winery, which is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All are encouraged to view the works and perhaps purchase a piece. The proceeds of sales go towards supporting the artist and his/her program.

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 www.familyres.org.