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LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP TO CREATE GARDEN FOR RESIDENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS HOME

Girl Scouts Select House to Achieve Their Silver Award

Old Bethpage, NY – On Thursday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m., Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) will welcome members of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County Troop 1853 to their residence at 117 Woodlot Road, Ridge, NY as they undertake a beautification project at the house. The Girl Scouts will achieve a Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. The Girl Scouts created stepping stones, wind chimes and birdhouses for the house. They have also designed signage with the house number and painted large rocks to beautify the front of the house.

When: Thursday September 21 4:00 p.m.

Where: 117 Woodlot Road Ridge, NY

***Great visuals as the Girl Scouts and residents of the house will be available to talk about the importance of the project. ***

Individuals in FREE's residential programs receive skills development in such areas as socialization, recreation,

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problem solving, personal development, activities of daily living, travel training, health care and medication maintenance, and many more. FREE provides residential services for individuals who are differently-abled in over 100 communities, throughout Long Island and New York City.

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.

Girl Scouts of Suffolk County

Girl Scouts of Suffolk County is the largest youth-serving agency on Long Island. It serves more than 40,000 girls between the ages of 5 and 17, with the dedicated support of more than 7,000 volunteers. For more information about Girl Scouts, please call 631.543.6622 or visit www.gssc.us.