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FAMILY RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL ENTERPRISES, INC. CEO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ANCOR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OLD BETHPAGE, NY – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) is proud to announce that their CEO, Robert S. Budd, has been elected to the post of President of the Board of Directors for American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR). ANCOR's Board of Directors recently held elections for 2018-2019, with terms beginning October 1, 2018. Officers are elected by the ANCOR Board of Directors, serve for one year and can serve a second term in the same position. Mr. Budd is currently Vice President of the ANCOR Board.

“I am a proud member of ANCOR, and I am honored to have been elected their Board President for the 2018-2019 year,” said Robert S. Budd, CEO, FREE. “I am looking forward to ANCOR continuing to reach new heights, and I have confidence that the collective efforts of our membership will significantly influence the future of our system,” he continued.

Recently, Mr. Budd was inducted into the 2018 ANCOR Foundation Legacy Leaders Circle. The Legacy Leaders Circle recognizes ANCOR members who have made significant contributions to ANCOR and the broader disability and provider community during their tenure as an ANCOR member. ANCOR members are part of a national association representing over 1,400 community service providers and 52 statewide provider associations supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully participate in their communities.

Mr. Budd joined FREE in 1985 and has held key operations positions most recently named Chief Executive Officer in 2008. He played a key leadership role in expansion of the organization from an annual budget of \$1

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million in 1985, serving forty-five individuals to a network of organizations providing over \$145 million of services in 2017 serving over 25,000 individuals annually.

Mr. Budd has initiated numerous innovative proposals most notably the Network structure that molds the uniqueness and flexibility of distinct smaller organizations with the efficiencies and strength of a larger Network. Mr. Budd is actively involved with many human service agencies that support people with developmental and other disabilities. He continues to serve and take leadership roles on many advocacy boards, both regionally and nationally. Mr. Budd serves on the boards of New York Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation, Interagency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc. (IAC), Long Island Select Healthcare, Inc. (LISH), and Alliance of Long Island Agencies, Inc. (ALIA).

Mr. Budd dedicates time to the field consulting, speaking and training and is pleased to utilize his certification as an A.M.A and Covey facilitator to support colleagues in personal and professional growth.

Mr. Budd holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the State University of New York at Potsdam and a Master of Professional Studies in psychology from Long Island University, CW Post.

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.

ANCOR Foundation

The ANCOR Foundation (www.ancorfoundation.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to develop leaders through dynamic education and innovative practice to strengthen inclusive communities for people with disabilities. The Foundation supports a variety of leadership development and training efforts and honors individual leadership in the industry with its Legacy Leaders Circle awards.

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