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**Artwork by Individuals with Differing-Abilities Commissioned for
Permanent Display by RXR Realty**

Launch Reception to Be Held Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 11 am

OLD BETHPAGE, NY (June 26, 2014)-- RXR Realty, a leading real estate operating company in the New York Tri-State area has commissioned the work of twenty-one artists with disabilities from FREE (Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.), for permanent display in an RXR property in Woodbury, Long Island. The artists will be honored at an installation ceremony and reception, hosted by RXR and FREE, on **Wednesday, July 2, 2014 beginning at 11:00 a.m., 1000 Woodbury Road, Woodbury, NY.**

One piece is a 7 ½ ft. by 10 ½ ft. self-portrait by Laura Levy, an individual enrolled in one of FREE's programs. Other works includes pieces from the "Flags of Hope" exhibition created by twenty individuals from FREE's fine arts program.

"This display, which will live in perpetuity, is a perfect example of how the not-for-profit human services world can successfully partner with the for-profit corporate community," said Robert S. Budd, CEO of FREE.

"It is with great pride and distinction that we continue to support the FREE organization and its dedication to enhance the lives of those with special needs," said Kenneth Bauer, RXR Executive Vice President "This artwork, created by individuals in the FREE program, and displayed at our property, 1000 Woodbury Road in Woodbury, demonstrates our corporate commitment to improving the communities in which we operate."

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“It has long been known that there is a connection between creativity and feeling well and there has always been a special place in history for those souls who could express beauty and bring it into our world,” commented Ed Regensburg, Director of Art Therapy for FREE. “When the artistic process is facilitated through the eyes and hands of a professional Art Psychotherapist, new found energy and functional skills are not only harnessed but actually intensely focused.”

About Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) founded in 1977 and headquartered in Old Bethpage, benefits and proudly supports more than 3,500 individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to help 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, primary and specialty health care and advocacy. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit www.familyres.org.

About RXR Realty

RXR Realty LLC (“RXR”) is a vertically integrated, private real estate company with expertise in investment management, property management, development, design, construction, leasing and financing. RXR’s core growth strategy is focused on New York City and the surrounding tri-state area markets. RXR Realty is one of the largest owners, managers, and developers in the Tri-State Area, with interests in approximately \$7.3 billion of assets, comprised of 87 investments containing approximately 18.5 million square feet. For more information about RXR, visit www.rxrrealty.com.

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