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## ***SPECIAL NEEDS ACTING TROUPE BRINGS BROADWAY HIT TO LIFE***

### ***FREE PLAYERS PRESENT 9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL***

Old Bethpage, NY – Opening on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) FREE Players, in association with the Broad Hollow Theater Company will proudly present the Broadway hit 9 to 5: The Musical.

9 to 5: The Musical is a musical based on the 1980 movie of the same name, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton. It features a book by Patricia Resnick, based on the screenplay by Resnick and Colin Higgins.

The FREE Players is a one-of-a-kind theatre troupe within FREE embracing the talents of performers of all abilities. The FREE Players dedicate their energies to the arts through instruction in dance, drama, music, technical theater, and fine arts. Through the arts, individuals have made great strides in improving their interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to multitask, focus, and take direction, all of which helps them move towards their goal of being independent contributing members of society.

#### **When:**

**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m.**

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Where:**

**Bayway Arts Center  
265 East Main Street  
East Islip, NY**

The annual musical fundraiser supports opportunities for the men and women who receive services from FREE. Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will help to support the FREE Players.

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For more information about the FREE Players, please contact Christine Scarpinato at 516-870-1600 ext. 1709

Tickets are \$20. Group homes and children under 12 are \$10. For tickets please call (516) 870-7001 or visit [www.freeplayersboxoffice.com](http://www.freeplayersboxoffice.com).

**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 4,000 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](http://www.familyres.org).

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