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**SPECIAL NEEDS VOCAL GROUP PERFORMS WASHINGTON, DC FOR
FIRST TIME**

Group Performs at ANCOR's Congressional Leadership Conference



Old Bethpage, NY– Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) is proud to announce that the
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FREE Players Ensemble performed at ANCOR's Congressional Leadership conference in Washington, DC on Monday, September 19th. This marks the first time that the group performed in Washington, DC and was the first time a differently-abled group performed at this conference.

"We are incredibly proud of our Ensemble and are delighted that they were able to perform for such a distinguished group of leaders," said Robert S. Budd, CEO, FREE. "It's important that everyone else know what we already do – our individuals can do anything."

The FREE Players Ensemble is a group of adults that have different challenges that makes them unique to the world around them yet causes them to shine because of their uniqueness. They are a part of the FREE Players Theater Program at FREE in Old Bethpage, N.Y. They are gifted to be able to sing and perform with excellence that have amazed and entertained many audiences throughout Long Island and the Tri State areas. Their ability to perfect their sound is through hard work, practice and dedication and their commitment to entertain which is shown in every performance. The FREE Players Ensemble is known to make their audiences laugh, cry, smile, sing and dance with them during their performances. The guarantee of experiencing a performance by the FREE Players Ensemble is that you will never regret seeing or hearing them perform. They will deliver every time with excellence of sound and music.

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 Family of 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.

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The American Network of Community Options and Resources (**ANCOR**) is a national trade association representing more than 1,000 private providers of community living and employment supports and services to more than 600,000 individuals with disabilities. ANCOR provides organization, professional, leadership development and networking opportunities and services and is continually working toward partnerships and collaborations that support our mission, which is to advance the ability of our members in supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully participate in their communities.

Through its National Advocacy Campaign, ANCOR seeks to enhance the lives of all people with disabilities who rely on long-term supports and services by obtaining the resources to recruit, train and retain a highly qualified and sustainable workforce. www.ancor.org/NAC