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FAMILY RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL ENTERPRISES, INC. (FREE) DEDICATES GARDEN CREATED BY GIRL SCOUTS



Old Bethpage, NY – On Friday, October 10th, a Garden Dedication Ceremony was held to commemorate Suffolk County Girl Scouts Troop 483 from Nesconset creating a garden at one of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) residential programs in Hauppauge in memory of Nancy, one of the residents, who lived there and passed away last year. Thirteen girls created the garden, beginning in May and completing it in June, with some of their parents and troop leaders. The girls received a Certificate of Recognition for achieving their Girl Scout Bronze Award, and also received gardening badges. The bench in the garden was donated by Nancy's father and sister. Pictured here from left: Maddy Vion, Ashley Liszewski, Kylie Williams, Nikola Neufeld, Kaylee Gallagher, Kaitlyn Doukas, Olivia Eterno, Emilee Rorick, Courtney Fives, Shannon Roche (in front), Christine Doukas (in back, troop leader) missing from photo Suzanne Schwartz (leader), Abigail Schwartz, Brianna Reese and Amanda Reese.

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 <u>www.familyres.org</u>.

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