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LIBN AWARDS FREE CEO ROBERT S. BUDD WITH OUTSTANDING CEO AWARD

Old Bethpage, NY – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) announced today that FREE President and CEO Robert S. Budd has been awarded the Outstanding CEO Award by the *Long Island Business News*, (LIBN). Mr. Budd was honored at an award ceremony on May 14, 2015. The Outstanding CEO Award recognizes top business and not-for-profit executives for their leadership, integrity, vision and commitment to excellence, financial performance, community and diversity.

Mr. Budd joined FREE in 1985 and has held key positions in operations, most recently named Chief Executive Officer in 2008. He played a key leadership role in the expansion of the organization from an annual budget of \$1 million in 1985, serving forty-five individuals to a network of organizations providing over \$115 million of services in 2014. Today, the network serves over 4,000 individuals annually in community living opportunities, vocational and clinical programs on Long Island and New York City.

Mr. Budd is passionate about FREE's partnership and collaboration model that creates an environment which realizes the unique gifts and talents of those who comprise the "Family of FREE Network".

"I am truly humbled and honored to have received this award on behalf of FREE. I am proud to represent such a talented and passionate group of people who have made it their life's work to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential," said Robert S. Budd, CEO, FREE.

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.

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