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SPECIAL NEEDS ACTING TROUPE TO HOLD SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR COMMUNITY

TROUPE WORKING TOWARDS BRINGING LEGALLY BLONDE TO LIFE

Old Bethpage, NY – On Wednesday, August 3rd, at 10:00 a.m., the **FREE Players**, one-of-a-kind special needs theatre troupe within **FREE** embracing the talents of performers of all abilities, will be holding a special performance of their production of **Legally Blonde, Jr.** for members of their day programs and a number of local senior citizen groups. The special performance of "Legally Blonde Jr." will provide the adult day services community the opportunity to see a full off-Broadway production. The performance will take place at the Bayway Arts Center at 265 East Main Street in East Islip, NY.

When:

Wednesday August 3rd, 2016 10:00 a.m.

Where:

Bayway Arts Center 265 East Main Street East Islip, NY

Great visuals as special needs actors and stagehands will be in full performance mode for the community

The community will be greeted, handed their tickets, buy their concessions from the participants from the FREE Day Services Program Without Walls. The Bay Way Arts Center CEO Bob O'Neill has partnered with FREE not only to host on stage productions, but to support job training experiences in the theater.

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) FREE Players, in association with the BroadHollow Theatre Group at the Bayway Arts Center in East Islip, will proudly present their adaptation of the award-winning Broadway musical, and smash hit motion picture, **Legally Blonde**, **Jr. on August 6 at 2pm and at 7pm.** Performances are open to the public. Tickets can be purchase at www.thefreeplayers.com or by calling the box office at 516-495-3201

FREE and the non-for-profit BroadHollow Theatre Company are involved in mutually beneficial job training program wherein the theater receives valuable help with their day-to-day operations and the individuals supported by FREE gain valuable experience working in the community. As part of this partnership, persons with disabilities are offered the opportunity to explore and develop their full vocational potential.

About 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 c3 nonprofit partners on educational, vocational, rehabilitative and a myriad of other creative initiatives to enhance the local communities and the lives of those that reside within them. Each of the valued partners of the Family of FREE Network have 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.

About the BroadHollow Theatre Company

The mission of the BroadHollow Theatre Company is to fill each and every empty seat we have with a generation of new audiences offering them the shows they want to see when they want to see them. You have our commitment that we will:

- ⇒ Continue to build on forty years of theatrical excellence
- ⇒ Present shows for the entire family at affordable prices
- ⇒ Provide entertaining and educational shows for our young audiences
- ⇒ Extend a helping hand to those charitable organizations assisting the communities we serve
- ⇒ Never rest on our success but will evaluate what we do and how we do it to ensure we're here for generations to come
- ⇒ Never take for granted those patrons, performers and staff who have made us who we are today

To purchase tickets and view a schedule of performances at Bayway Arts Center, a Theater owned by BroadHollow Theatre Company in East Islip, please visit: http://www.broadhollow.org/. Supporting the theater enhances further development for the FREE Players as well as the Theater Arts Community.