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***Adelante of Suffolk County to Receive \$10,000 Contribution from
AT&T for Dropout Reduction Program***

Old Bethpage, NY (June 4, 2014) – On Friday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m., Adelante of Suffolk County will be receiving a \$10,000 contribution from AT&T. The contribution will go towards supporting a college and career readiness program for youth at risk of not completing their high school education. Adelante is an affiliate of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), a not-for-profit agency that supports more than 3,500 individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury.

The goal of Adelante's Dropout Reduction Program is to reduce the number of students who drop out from High School. The program will provide extra support for students so that they may succeed in school, learn to make healthy decisions, stay safe, graduate from high school, and begin to think about college early. Students will be provided with a safe place to go after school and will be assisted in developing to their fullest potential by participating in a diverse range of enrichment activities focusing on self-esteem building seminars, academic counseling and tutoring, ESL Instruction, SAT and GED Preparation, career awareness and job readiness workshops and other educational workshops.

Marissa Shorenstein, AT&T New York President will be on hand to present the ceremonial check to Adelante. The generous support is part of AT&T Aspire, the company's \$350 million commitment to education. With more than one million students impacted since its launch in 2008, Aspire is one of the nation's largest corporate commitments focused on helping more students graduate from high school ready for college and careers.

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Also in attendance at the ceremony will be members of the Brentwood/Central Islip community.

When:

Friday, June 6, 2014 – 2:00 p.m.

Where:

**Adelante of Suffolk County
10 Third Avenue
Brentwood, NY 11717**

Light refreshments will be served.

About Adelante of Suffolk County, Inc.

Adelante of Suffolk County, Inc. is a not-for-profit multi-service community-based organization that provides services to the culturally diverse communities of Suffolk County in the areas of health, education, employment, supported housing, youth leadership development, volunteerism and culture. It was founded by a group of concerned Latino/Hispanic citizens, who advocated for the need to improve the quality of life of their community members, to promote Latino/Hispanic culture and civic responsibility as well as to foster the educational, economic, social and cultural awareness and pride of the community.

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 www.familyres.org.

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