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**EXHIBIT AT L.I. MAC ARTHUR AIRPORT FEATURES ARTISTS WITH AUTISM  
AND OTHER DISABILITIES**

OLD BETHPAGE, NY (May 22, 2014) – A new art exhibit featuring the works of individuals with autism and other disabilities debuted at Long Island MacArthur Airport on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The artwork was created through an art therapy program offered by Long Island based Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), a not-for-profit that helps individuals realize their creative abilities through the arts as well as provide vocational training and employment across the New York region. The FREE artists are the first in a series of monthly exhibits the airport is presenting entitled “Art in the Atrium” with displays of art in the airport’s new atrium.

“We are so pleased to have individuals who participate in our art therapy programs featured in MacArthur Airport, one of the largest travel hubs in the Long Island and New York region,” commented Robert S. Budd, CEO for FREE. “Everyone who visits the airport, whether they are departing or arriving, will have the opportunity to experience an exhibit unlike any they’ve seen before.”

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

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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.

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