

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

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Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) Joins Tap Factor and Best Buddies at Annual Benefit Concert at Carnegie Hall

Old Bethpage, NY (May 21, 2014) - On Wednesday May 21st, 2014, members of the FREE Players of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), an organization that benefits and supports more than 3,500 individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury, will join Christopher Erk and The Tap Factor, and Best Buddies New York for their annually held Best Buddies Benefit Concert at Carnegie Hall.

As a nonprofit dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for friendship, employment and leadership for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), Best Buddies has more than 1,700 chapters worldwide, 12 of which are high school programs throughout Long Island.

The Benefit Concert will feature artists such as Elaine Kwon, pianist, Tony DeSare, singer/pianist, Angelica de la Riva, soprano, and Christopher Erik and The Tap Factor, who will have members of the FREE Players featured in their performance.

The FREE Players was developed back in 1993 involving a number of FREE employees who volunteered their time to support individuals who loved to sing, dance and act. The FREE Players is a one-of-a-kind theatre troupe within Family Residences and Essential Enterprises. This amazing opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall is the pinnacle of years of dedication representing the gifts and talents of many.

DATE:	Wednesday, May 21 st , 2014
TIME:	8:00 PM
LOCATION:	Carnegie Hall, 881 7th Ave, Manhattan

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.

About Best Buddies New York

Best Buddies New York is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and part of a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Best Buddies also fosters one-to-one friendships with peer volunteers who do not have intellectual disabilities. Best Buddies is a vibrant, international organization that has grown from one original chapter to more than 1,700 college, high school and middle school campuses across the country and internationally. The New York chapter creates opportunities throughout the state of NY in middle schools, high schools, and colleges. Learn more at www.bestbuddiesnewyork.org

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