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**Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) and The LENZ  
Winery to Host Reception for Art Exhibition Created by Individuals with  
Autism And Other Developmental Disabilities**

**Meet the artists' reception Friday, July 11 from 5pm-8pm**

OLD BETHPAGE, NY (June 23, 2014) – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), a not-for-profit agency that supports more than 3,500 individuals with different abilities on Long Island, together with The LENZ Winery, one of Long Island's oldest and most prestigious North Fork vineyards, will host a "Meet the Artists" reception to celebrate a special exhibition created by individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, Friday, July 11 from 5-8 p.m. at The LENZ Winery located at 38355 Rt. 25 - Main Road in Peconic, NY., telephone, 631-734-6010. The exhibit, "Future Fossils" runs from June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 through Labor Day.

The artists participate in Art Therapy Programs offered by FREE, a leader in the field of human services dedicated to helping individuals of all abilities to realize their full potential and prevail over life's challenges. Art Therapy provides a powerful means for healing and communication for anyone, but especially for people who find it difficult to express their thoughts and feelings through spoken words alone.

The sculptural depictions on view reflect the artists' work with clay as they delved back into time and explored the field of archaeology and artifacts of the past. The artists were inspired by the concepts they found and vigorously grabbed onto clay as they developed what would eventually become the "Future Fossils" exhibit. Each sculpture was individually carved, molded and painted.

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About The LENZ Winery

Founded in 1978, The LENZ winery has some of the most mature vines in the region and given the extensive replanting of California vineyards to avoid further damage from the phylloxera louse, in the country as well. The winery has nearly 70 acres planted with these vinifera grape varieties: chardonnay, gewürztraminer, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, malbec, petit verdot, pinot gris and pinot noir. For more information, please call 631-734-6010.

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](http://www.familyres.org).

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