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## Individuals with Differing Abilities Proudly Present DreamWorks Shrek the Musical with the Broad Hollow Theater Company

Old Bethpage, NY: (June 24, 2014) - The Bayview Arts Center played host to a production of DreamWorks Shrek the Musical. From June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup> the Broad Hollow Theater Company partnered with individuals with different abilities from the FREE Players of Family Residences And Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE).

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 FREE embracing the talents of performers of all abilities. The FREE Players dedicate their energies to the arts through instruction in dance, drama, music, technical theater, and fine arts. Through the arts, individuals have made great strides in improving their interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to multitask, focus, and take direction, all of which helps them move towards their goal of being independent contributing members of society.

The annual musical fundraiser supports opportunities for the men and women who receive services from FREE. Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will help to support the plan to have a potential theatre of their own.

## 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.