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# FAMILY RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL ENTERPRISES, INC. CEO SPEAKS AT ANCOR'S 2018 POLICY SUMMIT & HILL DAY



Robert S. Budd, CEO, Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), and President of the Board of Directors for American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) speaks as Co-Chair of ANCOR's "Included. Supported. Empowered." Campaign in Washington DC at ANCOR's 2018 Policy Summit & Hill Day

**OLD BETHPAGE, NY** – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) CEO and President of the Board of Directors for American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), Robert S. Budd, spoke as Co-Chair of ANCOR's Included. Supported. Empowered. Campaign in Washington DC at ANCOR's 2018 Policy Summit & Hill Day.

"I was proud to represent ANCOR at the 2018 Policy Summit and Hill Day," said Robert S. Budd, CEO, FREE. "The 'Included. Supported. Empowered.' campaign is very important to me and the individuals we represent," he continued.

The "Included. Supported. Empowered." campaign is a powerful declaration that we all have a stake in ensuring that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) can thrive as members of our community that enrich our lives and make our society stronger. It is also a declaration that if we are to see our vision transform into reality, we must make deep investments in the supports and services on which people with I/DD rely.

For more information on the campaign, please watch this powerful video: <a href="https://youtu.be/B8IqN4hDNwA">https://youtu.be/B8IqN4hDNwA</a>

## Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), founded in 1977, benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to assist 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; specialty health services; and advocacy.

FREE also collaborates with a variety of diverse 501(c)(3) nonprofit partners on educational, vocational, rehabilitative and a myriad of other creative initiatives to enhance the local communities and the lives of more than 25,000 people that reside within them. Each of the valued partners of the FREE Network has a unique mission, vision and strategic goals that are aligned in purpose, and embody the spirit of the meaningful work we do every day. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit <a href="www.familyres.org">www.familyres.org</a>.

#### **ANCOR Foundation**

The ANCOR Foundation (<u>www.ancorfoundation.org</u>) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to develop leaders through dynamic education and innovative practice to strengthen inclusive communities for people with disabilities. The Foundation supports a variety of leadership development and training efforts and honors individual leadership in the industry with its Legacy Leaders Circle awards.

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