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*****GREAT VISUALS: Costello's ACE® Hardware and FREE to Hold Ribbon Cutting in Store Where Products Will Be Sold. Special Needs Workers in Attendance to Talk About What This Partnership Means to Them *****

COSTELLO'S ACE® HARDWARE AND FAMILY RESIDENCES AND ESSENTIAL ENTERPRISES TO ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

Hardware Chain to Sell Eco-Friendly Products Supplied and Packaged by Individuals with Special Needs

OLD BETHPAGE, NY – Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) and Costello's ACE® Hardware will be announcing a special partnership on Wednesday, February 13th, at 1:30 p.m., at Costello's Ace Hardware of Melville located at 720 Walt Whitman Rd, Melville, NY 11747. Costello's Ace Hardware has agreed to sell in their Long Island stores a line of eco-friendly cleaners supplied and packed by individuals with special needs supported by FREE, and The Rehabilitation Institute (TRI), a member of the FREE Network.

When:
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Where:
Costello's ACE Hardware of Melville

**720 Walt Whitman Rd
Melville, NY 11747**

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), founded in 1977, benefits and proudly supports more than 5,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental 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; 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 www.familyres.org.

About Costello's Ace Hardware

Costello's Ace Hardware was founded by Vincent "Vinnie" Costello in 1976 as a single hardware store and has grown into one of the most iconic names in hardware with 30 stores throughout Long Island, northern New Jersey, Maryland and Brooklyn, N.Y. Costello's Ace Hardware is committed to serving its store's neighbors with world class service, the most sought-after brands and the most knowledgeable store associates in the industry. Today, Vinnie's children carry on his legacy as leaders within the organization, further instilling his values-centered leadership. For more information on Costello's Ace visit www.costellosace.com.

About TRI

For over 50 years, The Rehabilitation Institute (TRI) has assisted individuals with disabilities in reaching their highest level of independence through the provision of vocational and educational services. These services are designed to assist an individual in identifying personal and professional goals and include vocational assessment, counseling, training, remediation, day habilitation, production, and support services (i.e. socialization skills training, remediation, etc.). Working directly within the community, our placement department develops internships and jobs, provides job coaching, and follow along services to assist an individual achieve positive vocational outcomes.

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