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Abilities First Announces New Board of Directors

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (June 3, 2015) - Abilities First, Inc. announces the continued growth of its community leadership with the addition of new board members and its 2015-2016 officers.

“As Abilities First continues to grow and expand to meet the evolving needs of the community, it is vital that we continue to maintain the distinguished leadership which our organization has been privileged to benefit from since its inception. We are pleased to welcome Halliday Clark, Dr. C. Ryan Kinlaw, Joseph Hines and Kim Williams to our Board of Directors, as well as thank our new officers for their leadership” said Abilities First Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jeffery Fox.

Board Officers

President: Lorraine Heneka, Lending Quality Control Officer, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union
Vice President: David Melby, V.P., Rose & Kiernan
Treasurer: Francis Synan, Retired V.P., Commercial Lending, M&T Bank
Secretary: Bernadette Mack, Executive Director, Women’s Jewelry Association

Board of Directors

Halliday Clark, Retired Director of Equity Investments at the Ford Foundation
Renee Bulla, V.P. Client Services, Momentum Advertising and Design
Dr. C. Ryan Kinlaw, Associate Professor, Marist
Joseph Hines, Retired FDNY Field Supervisor
Eileen Lomoriello, Associate Director, Strategic Planning, Central Hudson Gas & Electric
Christopher A. Montalto, Esq.
Roy Shemitz, V.P., Commercial Lending, Rhinebeck Bank
Daniel Stafford, Associate Attorney, McCabe & Mack LLP
Rick Tietjen, Chief of Staff, The Culinary Institute of America (CIA)
Katherine Trela, Assistant Professor, Special Education, Marist College
Kim Williams, SVP of Retail Operations, Williams Lumber and Home Center

Former Board Member Emeritus

Jeanine Agnolet, Owner, The News Lady

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Halliday Clark, Retired Director of Equity Investments at the Ford Foundation

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About Abilities First

Founded in 1962, Abilities First is a not-for-profit organization serving the needs of the community, as well as those with developmental disabilities, from pre-school through adulthood. Abilities First has had a long-term commitment of providing a cohesive culture of compassion, empowerment and respect for people with a variety of disabilities through educational, vocational and habilitation services. It presently serves over 1,500 children and adults throughout the Hudson Valley region of New York State. For more information, visit www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AbilitiesFirstInc and [@AbilitiesF](https://twitter.com/AbilitiesF) on Twitter.