

AWARDS

Nonprofit hands out annual community awards — Abilities First Inc., of Poughkeepsie, recently honored several individuals and a business for their contributions to people with disabilities at its annual gala.

This year's awardees were Omega Institute in the Town of Clinton, business of the year; Raymond Ike, participant of the year, for being "a positive example of what is possible for people with disabilities," Abilities First's press release said; IBM's Sheila Appel, volunteer of the year; and New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies Executive Director Ann Hardiman, who received the Lynn and Nancy Wall Award. Hardiman was honored for dedication to individuals with disabilities throughout her career.