

ABOUT ABILITIES FIRST

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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 1,200 children and adults throughout the Hudson Valley region of New York State. Abilities First is accredited for the person-centered care by the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL).

Abilities First's mission is to provide people with disabilities and their families support to attain independence, self-determination, integration and acceptance by others through education, exploration and experience.

For more information, visit www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org or on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/AbilitiesFirstInc](https://www.facebook.com/AbilitiesFirstInc).




 Share your photos & videos!
#AFSHOWCASE2017

CONNECT WITH US IN 2017!

April 30	Autism Walk & Expo	Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck
TBD April/May	Community Breakfast	Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Poughkeepsie
May 17	HV Gives Day	www.abilitiesfirstny.org
May 20 & 21	KidVenture	Mid-Hudson Civic Center, Poughkeepsie
June 10	Think Differently Dash	Main St., Poughkeepsie
June 26	Golf Classic	The Powelton Club, Newburgh
October 12	HV Mag.'s BOHV Party	Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Poughkeepsie
October 26	Signature Event	Shadows on the Hudson, Poughkeepsie
November 28	Giving Tuesday	www.abilitiesfirstny.org

Sign the PLEDGE TO POWER and Receive a Food Discount

10% DISCOUNT

- Auntie Anne's Pretzels
- Beach Berry Yogurt Hut
- Gloria Jean's Coffees
- Hudson Salad
- Little Tokyo
- New York Deli
- Taco Bell
- Teavana
- Wendy's

20% DISCOUNT

- Bourbon Street Grill
- Nathan's Famous
- Sicilian Delight
- Wetzel's Pretzels

Simply show your Pledge to Power Sticker!

*Get your sticker at Center Court
Valid March 4, 2017 Only.

ABILITIES FIRST

A SHOWCASE OF RESOURCES FOR ENRICHMENT & INCLUSION

MARCH 4, 2017 | POUGHKEEPSIE GALLERIA  powered by ABILITIES FIRST



TAKE THE PLEDGE TO POWER!



Be a champion for a more inclusive society and take ABILITIES FIRST'S PLEDGE TO POWER. The pledge is a commitment to yourself and to your community to advance diversity and inclusion in one's personal, social and professional life. Collectively, we can strengthen awareness of the abilities of all of our neighbors. Join us in celebrating that all people are recognized and valued for their abilities *first*.

Stop by the Abilities First Pledge to Power table located at Center Court and sign the pledge today!

Partners & Sponsors



Special thanks to Mount Saint Mary College Medici Scholars and iHeart Media.

SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

Seminars, Performances and Workshops take place at Center Court.

- 9 – 10 A.M.** • Early opening in a sensory sensitive environment.
 - All vendors open until 4 P.M.

- 10 A.M.** • SHOWCASE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
 - Sensory-Friendly Films Begin (Regal Galleria Mall Stadium 16)
 - SEMINAR: Estate Planning for Individuals & Families presented by McCabe & Mack LLP
 - Costumed Character Meet & Greet Begins (Next to DSW) Courtesy of Hudson Valley Comic Con

- 10:30 A.M.** • SEMINAR: What is Person Centered Planning? Presented by Dr. Jeffrey Fox, Abilities First CEO

- 11 A.M.** • SEMINAR: Guardianship for Adults with Disabilities Presented by Sholes & Miller, LLP

- 11:45 A.M.** • Welcome by Grand Marshall Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro

- 12:15 PM** • Welcome by Poughkeepsie Galleria

- 12:30 PM** • Dance Performance by Hudson River Performing Arts

- 1:00 PM** • Performance by Abilities First School Drummers

- 1:30 PM** • FLASH MOB - ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
 - Dance Performance by Abilities First School Dance Dance Crew

- 2:00 PM** • SEMINAR: Front Door Access to Services presented by NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

- 2:30 PM** • Meet the Animals from Two by Two Zoo

- 3:00 PM** • WORKSHOP: American Sign Language Basics Presented by Gail Hancock-Huttel, Abilities First School Teacher

- 4 P.M.** • SHOWCASE ENDS. THANK YOU FOR COMING!

VENDORS & RESOURCES

SOUTH END (TARGET) TO CENTER COURT

- Poughkidsie
- Carriage House
- Town of Wappinger LL Challenger League
- The Seeing Eye
- Abilities First: summerMax
- Hudson Valley Comic Con
- Autism Society - Hudson Valley
- Walkway Over the Hudson
- Abilities First: Integrated Employment Services (Supported Employment/ Life Skills Enhancement Center)
- Topfield Equestrian Center & Therapeutic Horsemanship
- Abilities First Preschool
- Abilities First: Day Habilitation & Work Training Center/Vocational Services
- Special Olympics
- Odyssey Church
- Zylofone Studios, Inc.
- Two by Two Zoo
- Grow Music
- Julie's Jungle
- Scenic Hudson
- New York Life
- ACCESS-VR
- Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

CENTER COURT

- Dutchess Tourism
- Dutchess County Community and Family Services
- Abilities First: Pledge to Power
- Abilities First
 - Hudson Valley Renegades
 - Dutchess County: Think Differently
 - McCabe & Mack LLP
 - Sholes & Miller, LLP
- Youth One Stop (Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce)

CENTER COURT (con't)

- Rifton
- Poughkeepsie Galleria
- Poughkeepsie Journal
- Flaghouse
- KeyBank
- DisAble the Brand
- Byron's Hudson Valley Hearing Aid Centers
- Pernice's Rescue Training
- SureHands Lift & Care Systems
- Camp Huntington
- Down Syndrome Association-Hudson Valley
- MidHudson Regional Hospital
- Abilities First School

CENTER COURT TO NORTH END (MACY'S)

- LEGOLAND New York
- Open Doors Educational Advocates
- Abilities First: Human Resources
- Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.
- Marist College: Special Education Department
- Rebuilding Together Dutchess
- Abilities First: Service Coordination & Community Habilitation
- KidVenture (The Chamber Foundation)
- Hudson River Performing Arts Center (Dance-Ability)
- VCA Animal Specialty & Emergency Center
- Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause
- New York State Talking Book & Braille Library (TBBL)
- Good Reasons

OTHER RESOURCES

- Hundson Valley Parent
- Able Newspaper
- WC McBride Electrical Contractors LLC