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**David and Lynn Melby and Rose & Kiernan, Inc.
Honored at Abilities First Signature Event**

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (October 23, 2015) - Abilities First's Signature Event was held October 16, 2015 at Shadows on the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Over 170 community members attended this fundraising event for people with developmental disabilities in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

The Abilities First Signature event honored David and Lynn Melby as the 2015 Outstanding Volunteers and Rose & Kiernan, Inc. as the 2015 Outstanding Community Leader. They were recognized for their commitment to volunteer work and philanthropic support of Abilities First programs and services and bringing heightening awareness of the organization within the region.

For the first time ever, Shadows on the Hudson closed for this nightclub-themed event. Attendees began their evening with a Signature Drink and wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres overlooking the Hudson River. Then they stepped into our pulsating nightclub featuring Soulsystem Orchestras. They enjoyed a progressive dining experience, cigar lounge, aromatherapy oxygen bar, champagne, bourbon and whisky tastings. Magician Chris Dare entertained guests with his illusions.

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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, residential, 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.

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PHOTOS

(Left to Right) Rose & Kiernan, Inc. President and CEO, John Murray. David, Lynn Melby, David Melby, Abilities First CEO Jeff Fox and Board President Lorraine Heneka.

Rose & Kiernan, Inc. and David and Lynn Melby were honored at the Abilities First Signature Event on Friday, October 16th as the 2015 Outstanding Community Leader and Outstanding Volunteers respectively.



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