



**ABILITIES FIRST**  
ENRICHING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN  
& ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

**MEDIA ALERT**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**ABILITIES FIRST TO HOST  
MONTICELLO MOTOR CLUB CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER**

**Poughkeepsie, N.Y.** (August 17, 2015) – Abilities First will host the Monticello Motor Club Challenge, an adrenaline-fueled fundraiser on Monday, September 21, 2015 at North America's premier automotive country club and private race track, Monticello Motor Club in Monticello, N.Y. Proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Abilities First, a not-for-profit organization that serves the needs of the community, as well as those with developmental disabilities.

Automobile fans, whether complete novices or experienced track enthusiasts, will not want to miss out on this unique, riveting and exclusive driving experience. For the Challenge, guests will compete against others in a series of high-speed driving challenges on MMC's private 4.1-mile race track, 0.6-mile karting track, and expansive off-road course. Participants will drive a variety of high-performance cars including 560hp Jaguar F-Type Coupes, Porsche Cayman PDK racecars, and Land Rovers.

This full day one-of-a-kind experience includes transportation from Fishkill, meals by MMC's CIA-trained Executive Chef, a variety of driving challenges, hot laps with MMC drivers in real racecars, photos from the day, a gift bag of MMC swag and heart-racing memories that will last a lifetime!

The cost is \$2,500 is per participant. A portion of the fee is tax-deductible. For more information or to reserve your place, contact Regina Fitzgerald Donato at 845.485.9803 x384 or [reginadonato@abilitiesfirstny.org](mailto:reginadonato@abilitiesfirstny.org).

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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. AF is accredited for the person-centered care by the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) and given the honor of participating in a coalition of leaders in the field through New York Integrated Network and Coordinated Behavioral Health Services (CBHS).

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.

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