



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

MEDIA ALERT

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OFF THE RECORD AFTER HOURS PARTY TO BENEFIT ABILITIES FIRST

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (October 21, 2016) – Abilities First has teamed up with Poughkeepsie Journal Media to transform Shadows on the Hudson into *the* late-night spot in the Hudson Valley this Halloween weekend. The OFF THE RECORD After Hours Party for Abilities First, an exclusive late night event for young professionals will take place on October 28, 2016 from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. in Poughkeepsie N.Y.

For those wanting to keep the party going after the 2016 Signature Event, the fun continues with drinks, dancing, entertainment, and a DJ late into the evening. For \$50, attendees will receive a complimentary drink, specialty tastings and other entertainment plus a chance to win a Caribbean vacation at the St. James's Club Morgan Bay, St. Lucia. The after party is sponsored by Poughkeepsie Journal Media in partnership by Hudson Valley Tech Meet Up, a group of local individuals with a passion for technology.

Earlier in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the 2016 Signature Event features eleven piece live band Soulsystem Orchestras, providing high-energy entertainment in a pulsating nightclub atmosphere. Guests will partake in progressive culinary experience, an aromatherapy oxygen bar, tastings from regional spirits, a cigar lounge and a host of other unique entertainment experiences. The Event Host Sponsor is Henry Page Development.

The Abilities First Signature Event will honor KeyBank as the 2016 Outstanding Community Leader and Renée Bulla as the 2016 Outstanding Volunteer. They are being 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.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.abilitiesfirstny.org/signature/index.php>. Both events will help raise funds to support the organization's mission of providing people with

developmental disabilities and their families support to attain independence, self-determination, integration and acceptance by others through education, exploration and experience.

To inquire about tickets or sponsorship opportunities for the Signature Event, contact Dana Hammond at 845-485-9803 ext. 384 or info@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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