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STEVEN HOWELL JOINS ABILITIES FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (July 1, 2019) – Steven E. Howell, CPA, DABFA joins the Board of Directors for Abilities First. Abilities First is a nonprofit organization serving the needs of over 1,400 children and adults with developmental disabilities through educational, vocational, residential, habilitation and family support services in the Hudson Valley.

“We are honored and pleased to have Steven Howell join our Board of Directors. Steve has an exceptional history of impact leadership to nonprofits in the region and we look forward to his contributions as the organization continues to grow and reach further in the Hudson Valley region,” said Abilities First President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jeffery Fox.

Howell is a partner with RBT CPAs, LLP, a full-service accounting and consulting firm with over 45 years of experience in the Hudson Valley region. Howell serves in the manufacturing, wholesale, retail and distribution industry practice of the firm, where he is a specialist in corporate accounting, corporate tax planning, projection and budget implementation, succession planning and banking and investment relationship building. A resident of Orange County, Howell maintains an extensive background in regional professional, industry and community affiliations, including United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, The Council of Industry, Newburgh Rotary Club, amongst others.

“I am very honored to serve on the board of Abilities First. This organization is so vital to our community and plays such a critical role in the lives of so many of our friends and neighbors,” said Howell.

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About Abilities First

Founded in 1962, Abilities First is a nonprofit organization serving the needs of those with developmental disabilities from pre-school through adulthood. With more than 650 dedicated employees committed to providing educational, vocational, residential, habilitation and family support services, Abilities First gives individuals with disabilities and their families the support to attain independence, self-determination, integration and acceptance by others. In serving over 1,400 children and adults throughout the Hudson Valley region of New York State, Abilities First holds a long-term commitment to creating a cohesive culture of compassion, empowerment and respect for these individuals through education, exploration and experience. Abilities First is accredited for person-centered care by the Council on Quality and Leadership. For more information, visit www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org or on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/AbilitiesFirstInc.