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MICHAEL PINE JOINS FOUNDATION FOR ABILITIES FIRST NY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (October 30, 2019) – Michael Pine, a Newburgh resident and President of Pine Innovative Planning, joins the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Abilities First NY (FAFNY), the fundraising arm for Abilities First, Inc. Abilities First is a nonprofit organization serving the needs of over 1,400 children and adults with developmental disabilities through educational, vocational, residential, and habilitation services in the Hudson Valley.

Pine Innovative Planning is a registered firm which offers securities and investment advisory services and financial planning. Pine is President of the firm, which is located in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

“We are honored and pleased to have Michael Pine join the FAFNY leadership as a member of the board. Michael has a deep-rooted interest in the industry and those it supports. He has been closely involved with a similar organization to which his parents have contributed significant leadership since 1968. That organization provides vocational opportunities for adults with disabilities. We look forward to his contributions as our organization continues to grow and reach further in the Hudson Valley region,” said Abilities First Chief Advancement Officer, Melissa L. McCoy, CFRE, CFRM.

“I am excited to join the board and to share my forty years of experience working with my families’ foundation. I realize that Orange County needs our services and look forward to extending our reach to Orange County and the region,” said Michael Pine.

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About Foundation for Abilities First NY (FAFNY)

Philanthropic leadership to enrich the mission of Abilities First, Inc.

Founded in 2018, the mission of the Foundation for Abilities First NY is to garner the financial resources necessary to meet the programmatic interests and to assure the sustainability of the mission of Abilities First, Inc.

Abilities First, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose 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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Abilities First, Inc. presently serves over 1,400 children and adults throughout the Hudson Valley region of New York State with more than 650 dedicated employees committed to providing educational, vocational, residential, habilitation and family support programs and services.

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