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## AMY BOMBARDIERI AND RENEE MACDONALD JOIN FOUNDATION FOR ABILITIES FIRST NY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wappinger Falls, N.Y. (July 28, 2020) – Amy Bombardieri of Poughkeepsie and Renee MacDonald of Fishkill have joined the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Abilities First NY, 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.

Amy Bombardieri is a Project Engineer with Day & Stokosa Engineering in Wappingers Falls, where she specializes in commercial and residential land development design. A Dutchess Community College graduate, Bombardieri completed the Marist College Project Management Program. She has served with the Dutchess County Young Republicans and is the chair of the Town of Poughkeepsie GOP Committee, as well as a Trustee of the Poughkeepsie Library District.

Renee MacDonald is a Psychotherapist in private practice. She received her B.A. from SUNY New Paltz and completed her Masters in Social Work at Adelphi University. MacDonald formerly served in the roles of therapist and clinical director with Hudson Valley Mental Health, and at Hudson Valley Healthcare System/Department of Veterans Affairs as Coordinator of Inpatient Psychiatry, Team Leader for Intensive Case Management, Interim Business Manager as well as Public Affairs Officer/Congressional Liaison. MacDonald has been an active community volunteer and supporter of Sparrow's Nest, Toastmasters International, Literacy Connections, Forget U Cancer, Child Care Council of Dutchess, Inc. and Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County. She is also a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Melzingah Chapter.

"We are honored and pleased to have Amy and Renee joining the FAFNY leadership as members of the board. We look forward to their contributions as the organization continues to grow and reach further in the Hudson Valley region," said Abilities First Chief Advancement Officer, Melissa L. McCoy, CFRE, CFRM.

"Giving back to the community is the one of the most important contributions a person can make, and I am truly honored to do so by serving on the Abilities First Foundation Board," said Bombardieri.

MacDonald stated, "I'm grateful for the opportunity to be of service for such an important organization whose mission is very close to my heart."

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File: Amy Bombardieri & Renee MacDonald



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## **About Foundation for Abilities First NY (FAFNY)**

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. 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. For more information, visit <a href="www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org">www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org</a> or on Facebook at <a href="www.Facebook.com/AbilitiesFirstInc">www.Facebook.com/AbilitiesFirstInc</a>.