



2018 ANNUAL REPORT







# MISSION

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



# VISION

All people are recognized and valued for their abilities *first*.



# **VALUES**

Integrity – consistently truthful, dependable, professional, and ethical

Equality – fairness in all opportunities

Dignity – deserving of respect and consideration

**Distinction** – pursuing excellence via world-class best practices

**Diversity** – encouraging inclusiveness



#### Dear Friends.

Thank you all for your help advancing our great mission throughout 2018! It is only with your help, our friends and stakeholders, that we can knock down barriers and shape the community to be more inclusive of people with unique developmental qualities.

We accomplished many great things last year, including examples of individual success in home and community independence. We have seen young children take their first steps or read their first words; we have seen students graduate from school and plan for their next steps in life; we have seen adults get their first apartment on their own or first paid job in the community. All the while, Abilities First provides encouragement and support.

In 2018, we also significantly expanded our reach to new people through creation of new residential, preschool, school, adult day, and employment services programs. With each new program, we embrace the responsibility and joy of helping people set and reach their goals.

Throughout 2018, our industry continued to experience rapid change in regulatory requirements and payment methodologies. I am proud to say that so far, we have been successful in our work to adapt to such changes. Perhaps the most significant changes are yet to come with the advent of Managed Care, scheduled for 2021. With dedication to preserve our mission and succeed in Managed Care environments, Abilities First is carefully building the internal systems that will be necessary in the future.

I encourage you to learn more about our great organization by visiting our website and social media platforms. Also, we hope you'll consider working with us when and where you can to help us as we continue our journey toward a world where all people are recognized and valued for their abilities *first!* 

Sincerely,

JEFFERY FOX, PH.D.
Chief Executive Officer



**Jeffery Fox, Ph.D.**Chief Executive Officer



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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Abilities First Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to present our 2018 Annual Report. In collaboration with our executive staff, we continue to successfully follow our strategic plan to diversify and grow our programs to better support our community, while remaining true to our Agency's mission.

We are proud to have created the Foundation for Abilities First NY (FAFNY), which will empower our advancement efforts, providing the funding for new program initiatives and development. Given the ever-challenging fiscal environment we face, private financial support is critical. Please give generously and often.

The year and beyond holds great promise for Abilities First to serve those in need. We possess the management expertise and financial discipline to maintain vibrant programs that will continue to expand our footprint and capacity. I am proud of what Abilities First has accomplished in 2018 and excited about the future.

Sincerely,

**DAVID W. MELBY** 

President, Abilities First Board of Directors Senior Vice President, Rose & Kiernan, Inc.



## **2018 ABILITIES FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**





Dear Friends,

It is my distinct privilege to reach out to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Abilities First NY (FAFNY).

The key objectives guiding the Foundation Board of Directors is to ensure philanthropic leadership to enrich the mission of Abilities First. By cultivating individuals, corporations, and the greater community, we can assure the sustainability of this critical resource and its long-term impact to enriching the lives of children and adults in our communities.

You, your colleagues, local businesses, and philanthropists are encouraged to contribute to the mission, through a number of opportunities:

- Gifts of cash, stock, real estate, bequests, charitable trusts, and other
- Volunteer leadership
- Sponsoring initiatives
- Attending events
- In-kind donations

Fundraising initiatives formerly presented by Abilities First will begin to be presented by FAFNY. The 2019 calendar of Foundation events includes:

- May 22 Abilities First Community Partners Breakfast
- July 22 Abilities First Golf Classic, The Powelton Club
- October 18 Signature Event, Changepoint Theater

As you will see in the 2018 Abilities First Annual Report, the revenueto-expense operating budget has little in reserve funding from which to expand operations or to improve facilities and quality-of-life experiences for individuals served.

Please join us in ensuring another 57 years for the mission of Abilities First.

Most sincerely,

JOSHUA MACKEY, ESQ.

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President, Foundation for Abilities First NY (FAFNY)

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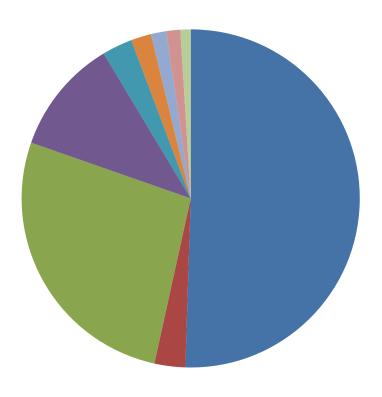
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# **2018 SOURCES OF REVENUE**

| 2018 Sources of Revenue                     | Amount       |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| <ul><li>Medicaid</li></ul>                  | \$18,319,203 |  |
| <ul><li>NYS OPWDD</li></ul>                 | \$1,067,799  |  |
| <ul> <li>NYSED/Local Districts</li> </ul>   | \$9,759,245  |  |
| NYSED/Local Counties                        | \$4,004,545  |  |
| • Fees From Individuals                     | \$1,048,339  |  |
| <ul><li>Private Contracts</li></ul>         | \$699,739    |  |
| <ul> <li>Transportation Fees</li> </ul>     | \$531,861    |  |
| <ul> <li>Donations/Contributions</li> </ul> | \$485,558    |  |
| All Other                                   | \$355,292    |  |
| Total                                       | \$36,271,581 |  |

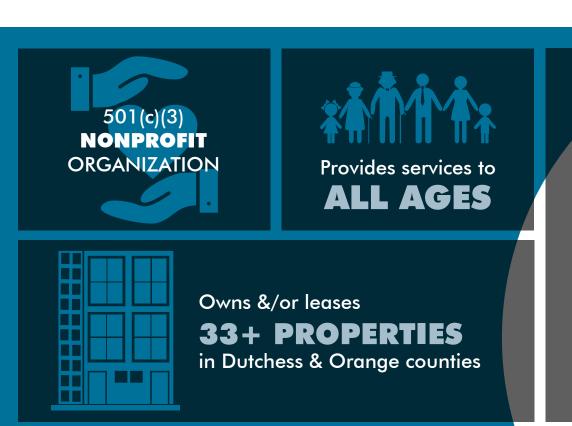


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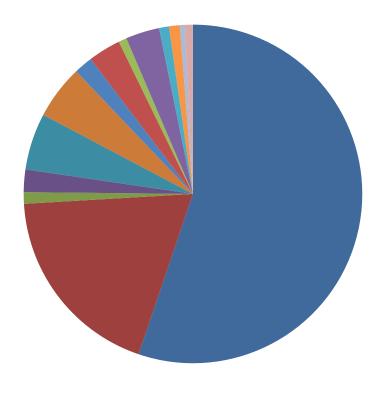
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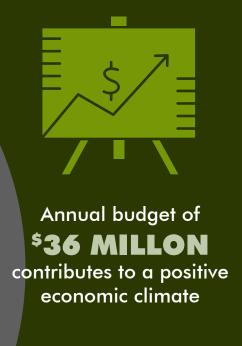
# **2018 EXPENSES**

| 2018 Expenses                                   | Amount       |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| <ul><li>Staff Salaries</li></ul>                | \$19,928,503 |  |
| <ul><li>Fringe</li></ul>                        | \$6,807,687  |  |
| <ul> <li>Subcontract Wages</li> </ul>           | \$397,572    |  |
| <ul> <li>Other Professional Services</li> </ul> | \$777,211    |  |
| <ul><li>Travel/Transportation</li></ul>         | \$1,955,646  |  |
| <ul><li>Rent</li></ul>                          | \$1,860,602  |  |
| <ul><li>Utilities/Maintenance</li></ul>         | \$644,312    |  |
| <ul><li>Interest/Depreciation</li></ul>         | \$1,123,285  |  |
| <ul><li>Equipment</li></ul>                     | \$280,037    |  |
| <ul><li>Supplies/Food/Printing</li></ul>        | \$1,164,533  |  |
| <ul> <li>Development/Marketing</li> </ul>       | \$341,095    |  |
| Agency Insurance                                | \$371,669    |  |
| <ul><li>Individual Supports</li></ul>           | \$174,942    |  |
| <ul><li>All Other</li></ul>                     | \$271,877    |  |
| Total   | \$36,098,971 |  |











# **2018 COMMUNITY IMPACT**



Abilities First and members of the community come together to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Adult Day Habilitation for seniors.

- Launched the Foundation for Abilities First NY (FAFNY): This new nonprofit corporation will act as the fundraising arm of Abilities First. In addition to raising funds, it will offer an annual grant program to fund important program needs or projects that are not supported by tuition or government funds.
- Expanded the Adult Day Habilitation program for seniors in Wappingers Falls: In general, people are living longer and are in need of meaningful activity well into their golden years. This program now serves over 30 people and operates in a new state-of-the-art facility.
- Responded to unmet demand for special education preschool in
  Orange County and opened a new program for 32 students across four
  classrooms: This program will help young children with developmental delays
  prepare for kindergarten and the years beyond.
- Successfully completed the transition from Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) to Conflict-Free Care Coordination: MSC had been offered by Abilities First for many years before the federal government required New York to shift this function to newly created entities. Abilities First partnered with other providers throughout the Hudson Valley and New York State to create LIFEPlan CCO, which now offers care coordination.
- Continued preparation for Medicaid Managed Care: Success in a Managed
  Care environment will depend upon our ability to operate in new ways and
  with high levels of efficiency. Our efforts continue as we learn and adapt to new
  requirements under a Managed Care model.
- Opened a new group residence in the Town of Wappinger for five young women: This is the first opportunity for these women have had to live on their own and pursue work, friends, and life goals.



The Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs presented Abilities First employee Patti Jones-Krause with the 2018 Code of Conduct Recognition Award.

Abilities First staff, individuals, and families participate in the 2018 Think Differently Dash in the City of Poughkeepsie.

- Received \$250,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority of New York State to renovate additional classroom space at the Straus Family Pavilion in New Windsor
- Began preparing to become a provider of early intervention services:
   These early intervention services will include in-home therapy and educational services for infants and toddlers.
- Continually honed our tools and procedures for delivery of services
  that are "person-centered": Using technologies and well-defined internal
  processes, we are now able to gather personal requests from people across our
  service continuum and respond to those requests promptly. Doing so creates a
  high level of responsiveness that raises the quality of life for people relying on us
  for support.
- Received grant funds to hire peer counselors to work in the Abilities First
  Outpatient and Recovery Services (AFORS) programs: Peer counselors are
  people who have received treatment for substance abuse, and now provide
  support to others.



Paul Teutul, Sr. of Orange County Choppers visits the students at the New Windsor School at the Straus Family Pavilion.

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It is through the generosity of community members, volunteers, foundations, and businesses that the quality of life and enrichment opportunities are made possible to those served by Abilities First. It is with deepest gratitude that we extend our appreciation to those whose time and generous gifts assure that the mission of Abilities First continues for individuals and their families.

Rick & Lori Tietjen

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We extend our heartfelt appreciation and thank you to retired NY State Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. for his unfailing commitment to the residents of Orange County and his leadership in securing a grant from the New York State Education Department for \$30,000. This grant allowed Abilities First to install SMART boards in every classroom at the Abilities First School at the Straus Family Pavilion in New Windsor.

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The SMART boards are beneficial tools to help children of all abilities learn in an engaging, interactive, fun, and collaborative environment. SMART technology takes learning beyond traditional methods and helps to bridge the gap for those who have challenges learning in traditional settings, including those who may be visually or hearing impaired.



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Gifts in-kind play an instrumental role in the fundraising endeavors at Abilities First. From gift certificates to trips and everything in between, gifts in-kind help raise much needed revenue for the organization.

- Always looking to give back to the community, Rifton Equipment donated a prone stander to an Abilities First preschool when the company heard there was a need. The prone stander allows students greater physical development while also providing social interaction.
- Tri Po Bed Grotto Lodge 266 brought many smiles and much joy to the students at the Abilities First School at the Straus

Family Pavilion in New Windsor when its members purchased a different toy for each student based on their interests.

When Lowe's Heroes of Newburgh heard Abilities First was opening a school in Orange County, the company and its employee volunteers wanted help. Lowe's generously donated all of the landscaping materials for the new school, and the Lowe's Heroes volunteers put it beautifully in place.

Abilities First is grateful to all of the companies, organizations, and individuals who donate gifts in-kind to the organization.

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Johann Huleatt is presented the 2018 Commitment to Community Award for Rifton Equipment's generous support of the mission.

# Received donation of 3.2 MILLION BUILDING in New Windsor (AF's largest gift ever)



Karen and Kevin Page present Adams Fairacre Farms' Gaye Mallet with the first ever Abilities First Henry G. Page, Jr. Business Leadership Award in honor of their late father.

# 2018 IN HONOR/IN MEMORY

#### In Honor of Bill McBrearty

Peggy Schwind

#### In Honor of Donna Areno

Mike Areno

#### In Honor of Evelyn Steed

Mary Demange

## In Honor of Janet Collentine

Joan Tobin

#### In Honor of Kristine Mansfield

Christine Cummings

# In Honor of Melissa McCoy & Alan Creais

John & Elizabeth Cappello Debra & Peter Copeletti Pamela & Rory Glynn Sharon Jautz Paul & Kristin Jensen

Mamoru & Yuko Nozawa Michele Winchester-Vega

Kal Pac Corporation AFP Mid-Hudson Valley Chapter

#### In Honor of The Gallaher Family

Elavne & Harold Seaman

#### In Memory of Henry G. Page, Jr.

Patti Bagnall Anthony Brenner Thomas Cervone

Colleen Closson Jeff Creswell

John & Margaret Latino

Eleanor Lomoriello Deborah & Michael Meyers

Patrick Moore

Thomas Nanna William Page

John & Patricia Rittinger Mary & Rick Thayer

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Mid-State Lumber Corp.
Blacktop Maintenance Corp.

Triple R Refrigeration & Air Condition Co. Stenger Roberts Davis & Diamond Law

H.G. Page & Sons Macro Manufacturing, Inc.

CPL Team

Video Treats, Inc. DBA Better Tan Northeastern Retail Lumber Association, Inc.

#### In Memory of Brandon Wolf

Jill McManus

#### In Memory of Deana Martello

Peggy Schwind

#### In Memory of Geraldine "Bubbie" Feinsilber

Robin Rivera

#### In Memory of Irving "Sammy" Strattman

Linda Tarcinale Barbara Farmer A Nu Do Revue

#### In Memory of Marc A. DeMattos

Anthony Alfalla

Kristina Berryman Deborah Bordeau

Sharyn & Ray Bouton

Ellen Calandra Richard Carriere

Deborah Chevalier

Bridget & Michael Curley

William C. Dauster

William & Lorraine Davidson

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Pamela Dixon

Robert Elser

Stephen & Elaine Guidice

Susan Guilfoil

Richard & DeMeris Haag Sandra & Richard Horwitz

The Knickerbocker Family

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Linda McGuire Peter Mead

Ron & Rosemary Montesi

Laura Nieves

Melanie & Thomas Robinson

Donna Sandroff

Gina Solimando

Theresa Stiano

Janie & Richard Stoloff

Christine Waters

North Country Insurance Co.

Glens Falls Television Productions, Inc.

Stagecoach Inn

# In Memory of Peter Farell

Patricia Hummel

#### In Memory of Serena Brenner

Laura Bendell

## In Memory of Timothy J. Ilyko

Stephen & Maryann Katz

#### In Honor of Casey Matthews

Slater Chemical Fire Co.

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"Giving is not just about a donation; it's about making a difference."

-Kathy Calvin





# I PLEDGE

TO KEEP IN MIND THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THOSE WITH **DISABILITIES** AND SUPPORT THEIR INTERESTS WHERE POSSIBLE

to attain independence, self-determination, integration and acceptance by others through education, exploration, and experience.

# **POWER POINTS:**

- ✓ Ask before providing assistance.
- ☑ Be respectful in words and actions.
- ✓ Include people in activities, clubs and events.
- ☑ Listen and communicate directly with the person.
- Identify how a program, goods or services can be adapted for inclusiveness.
- ✓ Take the initiative to assure diversity with activities, participants or employees.
- ✓ Initiate changes to an environment for accessibility and inclusion.
- ☑ Educate yourself and others.
- Speak people-first language by defining the person, not a disability, limiting stereotypes and assumptions.
- ✓ FIRST step starts with you!

| SIGNATURE | DATE |
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Take your pledge to the next level with a presentation, training, or guidance on how to implement inclusiveness and accessibility in your home or workplace. For more information, please contact the Advancement Department at info@abilitiesfirstny.org or 845.485.9803.



"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

-John Bunyon



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