As we celebrate our 95th Anniversary, AbilityFirst continues to innovate and expand. The Building Independence, Celebrating Community campaign kicked-off with a ground breaking ceremony in April at our Long Beach Center located at 3370 E. Willow Street.

Our Center serves residents of Long Beach and the surrounding communities, such as Bellflower, Carson, Lakewood, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Torrance. The newly renovated facility will serve more than 500 individuals, with significant improvements focused on accessibility, and upgrades for safety and efficiency.

The AbilityFirst capital campaign is at 90% of the $5.9 million goal. We have $700,000 left to raise, and we need your support and generosity. Your investment in our campaign will empower AbilityFirst and our participants to do our best work, explore, and achieve our goals.

The Long Beach Center opened at its current location in 1966. The Center’s renovation and programmatic changes will support after-school and adult programs, warm water aquatics, and weekend social and recreational activities. The renovations address current and future programming needs. For example, a new state-of-the-art kitchen will ensure that participants learn valuable cooking and safety skills.

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