

AbilityFirst's Stroll & Roll Event Raises \$600,000



Celebrity ambassador Jaclyn Smith

Photos courtesy AbilityFirst

Attendees recently came together in support of AbilityFirst's 2022 Stroll & Roll event, presented by Comerica Bank, at the Santa Anita Park in Arcadia.

The event raised \$600,000 for programs empowering children and adults with disabilities and featured a behind-the-scenes walk around the track and infield, live music and entertainment, two dozen interactive exhibitors showcasing their products and services,

from innovative solutions for the disability community to carnival games and a beer garden hosted by Golden Road Brewing.

"It was thrilling to be back in person after a two-year hiatus, and we loved seeing so many familiar and also many new faces enjoying the glorious weather and all the activities and entertainment available for participants, after the walk," AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi said.



Personal Branding Group CEO Tim O'Brien and his family



The Stroll & Roll attendees enjoying the Santa Anita Park infield.

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opportunities and deepen cultural empathy for our communities. We are honored to partner with these vital organizations to help them build their strength and sustainability for the long term. These organizations are at the very heart of L.A.'s vibrant creative scene. We are investing in these vital organizations to help them build a foundation to thrive and grow. These grants will help arts organizations across Los Angeles County build their capacity and resilience. Through significant unrestricted grants, small and mid-sized organizations get the support they need to strengthen their infrastructure, expand their ability to serve communities, and create impactful experiences for current and future generations."

Ramirez continued, "They serve historically under-resourced communities, aspire to excellence and drive toward organizational sustainability. We are honored to work alongside them in fostering the arts across Los Angeles County and appreciate our community panelists for sharing their wisdom and insight with us throughout the selection process."

Worby said Muse/ique is pleased to

be among the arts organizations in Los Angeles receiving grants from the Perenchio Foundation.

"This grant serves as a grand affirmation of the spirit of adventure and sense of purpose shared by our artists, audiences, and support teams alike," Worby said. "Together, we strive to achieve incisive musical narratives illuminated by transcendent performances that can change lives.

"We are grateful to Jerry Perenchio for his legacy of love for Los Angeles and the arts, and to his Foundation for supporting our mission to promote greater imagination and empathy," Worby continued. "Music is a sublime agent of equity and social justice, and this award not only will sustain artistic excellence, but it will also allow us to continue to bring performances to curious minds everywhere in our community."

LeeAnn Havner, Muse/ique's board chair, said on "behalf of the Muse/ique Board of Directors, we are thankful to the Perenchio Foundation for this gift, the largest grant in our history. As we enter our twelfth season, this grant will help to expand our reach to all members of our community. This major gift allows us to continue our mission to uplift, affirm, and inspire through live musical performances in Muse/ique's unique manner."

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What do volunteers do?

You'll be interviewed about your medical history and undergo non- and minimally-invasive tests, including: physical exams, EEG, memory and thinking skill testing, lumbar puncture, MRI, retina exams, providing blood and urine samples, and other tests.

Who can take part?

You can volunteer if you're at least 60 years old, cognitively healthy, not on anticoagulant medicines and able to undergo magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).



How much time does it take?

Over three months, you'll make four to 12 visits of about two hours each to Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI) in Pasadena. Visits will be repeated every few years.

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