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AbilityFirst Adds President and CEO of CBB Bank Joanne Kim to Its Board of Directors

Pasadena, CA – February 25, 2015 - AbilityFirst welcomes Joanne Kim, President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors for CBB Bank, to the nonprofit's Board of Directors. Commonwealth Business Bank, also known as CBB Bank, specializes in Small Business Administration lending and mid-size commercial and industrial loans.

“We are so pleased to have Joanne on our Board,” said AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi. “She will be a valuable addition to the Board because she brings the perspective of a high level financial executive to our decision making process, as we continue expanding our services and growth.”

“I am honored to have been elected to serve on the Board of AbilityFirst, said CBB Bank President and CEO Joanne Kim. “I am committed to helping AbilityFirst realize its vision to create a society where all individuals have an opportunity to lead full and productive lives, including children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. It is my goal to be an active member and I look forward to working with the caring team at AbilityFirst.”

Ms. Kim has led CBB Bank since April of 2011 and has successfully established CBB as a solid financial institution in LA's Koreatown, as well in other Los Angeles communities and in other states. Previously, Ms. Kim served as President and Chief Executive Officer and as a Member of the Board of Directors for Wilshire Bank and its holding company. Prior to her appointment as Chief Executive Officer of Wilshire Bank, she served as its Chief Lending Officer.

A graduate from Korea University in Seoul, Ms. Kim arrived in Los Angeles in 1978 and has since built her banking career in the United States. She currently serves as a Member of California Bankers Association Federal Government Relations Committee, an advisor for Korean American Coalition, and as a member of the Council of Korean Americans. She is a proud mother of two grown children, and enjoys spending time with her extended family.

About CBB Bank

Commonwealth Business Bank, also known as CBB Bank, is a leading community bank recognized for its professional services, innovative banking solutions and dedicated employees. Based in Los Angeles, California, CBB serves a diverse customer base from four full-service branches across Southern California and four loan production offices in Texas, Georgia and Colorado. CBB specializes in providing customized financial services and is a leader in C&I lending, SBA lending and international trade finance. The Bank builds partnerships by developing custom solutions that benefit each client's business – One Client at a Time.

About AbilityFirst

Established in 1926 [AbilityFirst](#), formerly Crippled Children's Society of Southern California, provides programs and services to help children and adults with disabilities reach their full potential. Through 25 [locations](#) across Southern California, they offer a broad range of employment, recreational and socialization [programs](#) as well as accessible residential housing complexes and an accessible camp, [Camp Paivika](#), for both children and adults.