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## For Immediate Release

## Union Bank To Sponsor 40<sup>th</sup> Annual AbilityFirst Gourmet Festival of Fall Event Hosted by Chuck Henry co-anchor of NBC4's news

PASADENA, Calif. – On Sunday October 5th from 4-7pm at the home of Mary and Bill Urquhart of South Pasadena, AbilityFirst will hold its "40<sup>th</sup> annual AbilityFirst Gourmet Festival of Fall," a delicious gourmet tasting event. Hosting the event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year will be Chuck Henry, co-anchor of NBC4's news.

This event will benefit two of the 25 AbilityFirst locations - AbilityFirst Lawrence L. Frank Center located in Pasadena as well as the AbilityFirst Pasadena Work Center. Since 1968 these two centers have provided individuals with developmental disabilities – including autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and Down syndrome – programs to help them reach their full potential. These include after-school, adult day, social recreation and community aquatic programs, as well as employment for adults with disabilities.

Now, in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, with Union Bank being the Presenting Sponsor for the past five years, it's an event where mingling goes hand-in-hand while sampling exquisite gourmet cuisine prepared by prominent local Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley restaurants. Fine beverages by California vintners and brewers will also be served.

This extraordinary evening will also feature live and silent auctions on items such as VIP Rose Parade tickets, tickets to sporting events, shows, television tapings and more, exclusive trips and private wine tastings, gift certificates to local businesses such as restaurants, museums and other services, and unique items for the home.

## **About Ability First**

<u>AbilityFirst</u>, 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 <u>locations</u> across Southern California, they offer a broad range of employment, recreational and socialization <u>programs</u> as well as accessible residential housing complexes and an accessible camp, <u>Camp Paivika</u>, for both children and adults.

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