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AbilityFirst Hosts Friends Reception for Community Leaders

Pasadena, CA – April 7, 2015 - Board members of AbilityFirst, the nearly 90-year old Pasadena-based charity, got the word out about its services, leadership and future plans at a recent Friends Reception for community leaders hosted by board member John Kelly and his wife Jennifer at their home in San Marino.

Other AbilityFirst leaders in attendance included Steve Brockmeyer, Richard Frank, Carol Llewellyn, Patricia Vick, and Mark Fedde. Also attending were Jane Kaczmarek, Richard Kim, Phaedra and Mark Ledbetter, Leslie and Rob Levy, Charlie McPherson, Maggie and Ralph Navarro, Lynda Patton, Peggy and Paige Parrish, Allison and Harlan Thompson, and Heba and Greg Wood.

Guests enjoyed delicious offerings from Chefelle Catering and remarks from Lori Gangemi, AbilityFirst CEO, about the critical nature of the programs provided by AbilityFirst. Highlights of the evening included the heartfelt remarks and testimonials about AbilityFirst from participant families in the San Gabriel Valley.

About Ability First

[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.

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