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AbilityFirst Harry A. Mier Center Recipient of 2nd District 2013 Access Award from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – AbilityFirst Harry A. Mier Center located in Inglewood, CA, was honored at the 22nd Annual Access Awards Luncheon. The luncheon was held on Monday, October 21, 2013 at the OMNI Hotel in Los Angeles. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas – Chairman of the Board of Supervisors spoke highly of AbilityFirst and the superb work the organization does within the community. Mark Ridley-Thomas then presented AbilityFirst Harry A. Mier Center Director Monique Watts with the award. Monique along Ranisha Penn who is a participant at the Harry A. Mier Center, accepted with great honor.

“It is because of very dedicated people like Monique that AbilityFirst is able to stand for, and alongside, people with physical and developmental disabilities and help them realize their full potential,” commented Lori Gangemi, President and CEO of AbilityFirst. “We are proud of Monique and we thank Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas for acknowledging the work AbilityFirst does for people with disabilities.

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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