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AbilityFirst Center Director Recipient of the 2013 Women Making a Difference Award

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – AbilityFirst, Cindy Valencia, Center Director for the AbilityFirst Anaheim Program has been chosen as a recipient of the 2013 Women Making a Difference Award for showing extraordinary dedication and contribution to the Orange County community. This celebration is being hosted by the State Senator, 34th District Lou Correa. Cindy has been dedicated to helping children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities through programs and services offered by AbilityFirst.

Cindy's dedication and passion for what she does shines through in the smiles of the children and adults that participate in the Anaheim programs. "I am very lucky to come into work and love what I do every day! I have the opportunity to ensure the safety and fulfillment of our participants lives. I am honored to receive this award," commented Cindy.

A tea reception celebration will take place to honor distinguished women for their outstanding accomplishments. The event is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Rancho Santiago Community College District Building located at 2323 North Broadway in Sana Ana.

"It is because of very dedicated people like Cindy 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 Cindy and we thank Senator Lou Correa for acknowledging her dedication within the Orange County community."

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 24 [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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