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## **Pasadena Las Encinas Facility Gives Back to AbilityFirst**

PASADENA, Calif. – AbilityFirst Lawrence L. Frank Center was honored with a check presentation from their local neighbors, Las Encinas Hospital. The generous check presentation was made on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – a true holiday treat for the Lawrence L. Frank Center, commented Michael Barkyoub, Director at the Lawrence L. Frank Center. The center offers programs and services for children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities.

Presenting the check to the center were Las Encinas CEO, Jerry Conway and Director of Business Development, Brent Bowers. “We were pleased to give back to an organization and neighbor that does so much for the special needs individuals in our community,” said Jerry. “Looking out for our local community is a big part of what makes Las Encinas a great organization as well,” added Brent.

The \$4,000 check presentation gift will go towards the Lawrence L. Frank Center’s largest fundraising goal of the year, which is \$155,000. “This most definitely gives us a kick-start towards our aggressive goal, which we do plan to meet. We are so grateful for this, we thank Las Encinas for looking out for their neighbors within the Pasadena community,” stated Michael.

### **About AbilityFirst**

[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.

### **About Las Encinas Hospital**

[Aurora Las Encinas Hospital](#) has remained committed to quality care and service to the community for over 100 years, and grown to include 118 licensed acute care beds, plus 38 residential treatment beds. The hospital is licensed by the State of California and accredited by the Joint Commission. Residential treatment is licensed and certified by the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. Aurora Las Encinas Hospital is a Medicare and Medi-Cal

provider, and is contracted with most major insurance companies.

Potential patients and healthcare professionals are encouraged to contact Aurora Las Encinas Hospital by phone to discuss possible admissions or request referrals. Free, confidential assessments are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week at the hospital. Please call 626-795-9901 or 800-792-2345 and ask for the Assessment & Referral Department.

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