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Union Bank To Sponsor 39th Annual AbilityFirst Gourmet Festival of Fall Event

PASADENA, Calif. – On Sunday September 29 from 4-7pm at the home of Mary and Bill Urquhart of South Pasadena, AbilityFirst will hold its "39th annual AbilityFirst Gourmet Festival of Fall," an event which benefits two of the 25 AbilityFirst locations which provide programs and services for children and adults with disabilities. All benefits from the event will go to the 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 39th year, with Union Bank being the Presenting Sponsor for the past four years, it's an event where mingling goes hand-in-hand while sampling exquisite gourmet cuisine prepared by prominent local Pasadena 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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