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**Long Beach Guild of AbilityFirst presents the “Rainbows for AbilityFirst”  
Fashion Show and Luncheon**

**(LONG BEACH, CA) October 1, 2019** – The 2019 AbilityFirst Long Beach Center Guild’s “Rainbows for AbilityFirst” Fashion Show and Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, October 19 at the Grand Event Center in Long Beach. The event will be an afternoon of mingling among friends and community members, shopping from local fashion vendors, and bidding on exclusive items in our silent and live auction. Live Auction packages include “Bubbly on the Bay,” a champagne luncheon for eight at the lovely home of AbilityFirst Long Beach Center Guild member, Mary Alice Braly; “Boathouse Clambake Dinner and Duffy Ride for 8,” a delicious Clambake Dinner with an enchanted hour-long Duffy ride; “Lawry’s Dinner for 10,” dinner for ten guests at Five Crowns, A Lawry’s Restaurants, Inc. replica of one of England’s oldest country inns; a stunning 14k white gold diamond teardrop necklace by McCarty’s Jewelry; and “Royal Caribbean Cruise,” an ocean-view stateroom 5-night cruise for two to the Bahamas or Caribbean.

We are thrilled to announce Veronica Miracle is returning as this year’s emcee! Veronica is a general assignment reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News. We are also honored to announce Long Beach Chamber President and good friend, Randy Gordon, will be this year’s auctioneer. Guests will be treated to a Fashion Show coordinated by Lucinda Meade and a delicious three-course meal. More than 300 guests are expected to attend.

Since 1978, the AbilityFirst Long Beach Center Guild has raised funds to directly support and enrich the services offered at the Long Beach Center. Net proceeds from this year’s event will help to fund community outings, special events, playground equipment and furnishings for more than 100 participants at the Long Beach center.

Silent auction and boutique begin at 10am, luncheon and program at 12pm and fashion show at 1pm. Tickets are \$75 per person.

Please visit <https://www.abilityfirst.org/events/fashion-show/> for more information and to purchase tickets.

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**About AbilityFirst**

AbilityFirst is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides programs and services to help children and adults with disabilities reach their full potential. With locations throughout Greater Los Angeles, AbilityFirst offers a broad range of employment, recreational and socialization programs as well as accessible residential housing complexes and a fully-accessible summer camp, Camp Paivika, for both children and adults.

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