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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2021 AbilityFirst Food & Wine Festival!

For 47 years AbilityFirst has hosted this wonderful event in the fall. Since 2021 is different in so many ways, we thought why be locked into what we've done in the past? We look forward to your feedback on this new time of year!

Tonight, we will feature inspiring stories from AbilityFirst participants and their families, lively chef demonstrations plus a delicious signature cocktail that you are invited to make during the program!

Your donations to the Food & Wine Festival allow AbilityFirst to continue its mission of helping people with developmental disabilities reach their personal best. Throughout the pandemic, our in-person and remote programming has kept individuals and families safe, all while staying connected and engaged.

We hope you enjoy the virtual show! Please bid often and bid high and we look forward to seeing you in person hopefully, very soon!

Sincerely,

Steve Brockmeyer *Chair, Food & Wine Festival* **Lori Gangemi** CEO AbilityFirst

MISSION

AbilityFirst provides programs and services to help children and adults with disabilities realize their **full potential** throughout their lives.

VISION At AbilityFirst, our vision

is of a society that **values each individual** and provides the opportunity for all people to lead full and productive lives.

VALUES

Trust - Belonging - Personal Best

AbilityFirst stands for and alongside people with developmental disabilities and their families. We create a welcoming environment where everyone feels they belong and are valued. Our first consideration is always for the well-being of our participants and – through the mutual trust that we share – each person is supported to achieve his or her personal best.

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AbilityFirst (established in 1926 as the Crippled Children's Society) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit (Federal Tax ID #95-1690983) that provides programs and services to help children and adults with disabilities reach their full potential. To learn more, visit **www.abilityfirst.org**

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TO OUR GENEROUS TABLE HOSTS

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SUNDAY JUNE 6, 2021

6PM – The virtual event goes live on the AbilityFirst YouTube channel

FEATURING

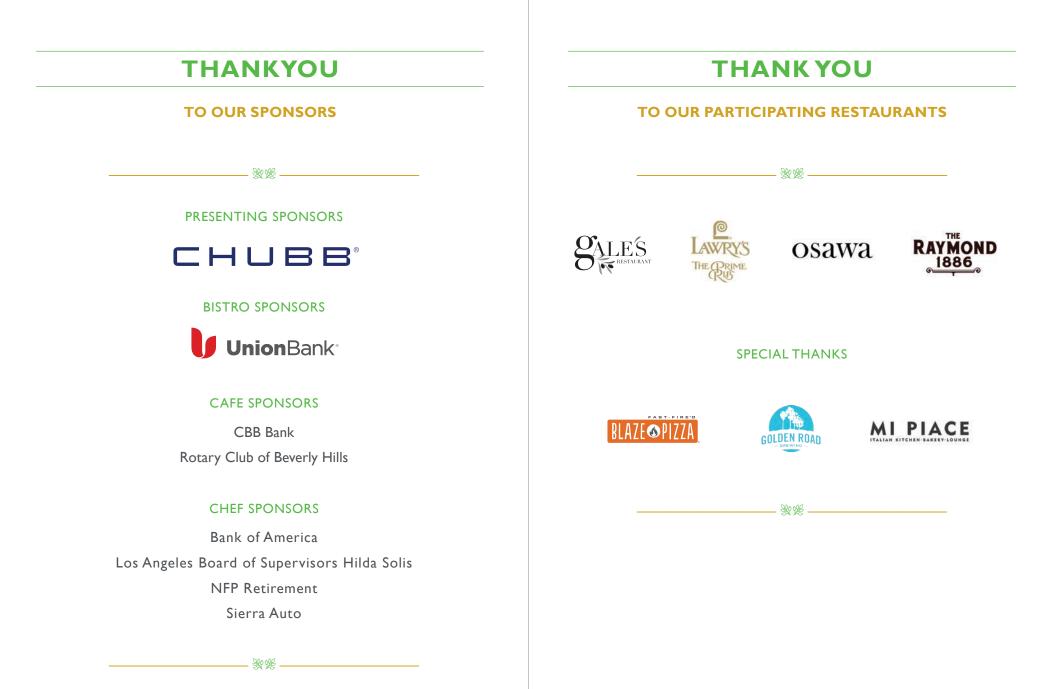
Chef demonstrations

The Food & Wine Signature Cocktail

Inspiring stories from AbilityFirst individuals and their families

PROCEEDS BENEFIT

AbilityFirst programs and services supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities



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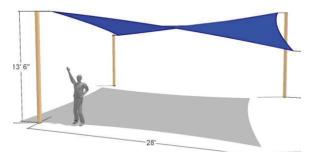
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Tonight, we are hoping to raise \$40,000 for professionally installed shade sails in our adult patio along with durable patio furniture in the courtyard, at the Lawrence L. Frank Center in Pasadena. We are looking forward to welcoming individuals back to our center very soon, which has been updated for their use. Because they'll be here this summer and outdoor activities will need to be increased due to COVID 19 safety protocol, the patio and courtyard will be highly used!

The health and safety of participants and staff is of utmost importance to AbilityFirst. We hope you would agree with this urgent need! You can donate right now, very easily, by using the **TEXT TO GIVE information at the top of this page**.

Please help us raise \$40,000 for these essential items so our staff and participants will remain safe – all while having FUN!





AUCTION RULES

Silent Auction opens on Auction opens on June 2, 2021 at 12PM PST and closes on June 8 at 8PM PST.

Payment in full is mandatory at the end of the event. Payment options are as follows:

• CREDIT CARD: Credit cards accepted are VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card.

All auction items have been donated and may not be exchanged. All sales are final. Values indicated on auction items are estimates only and are not warranted by AbilityFirst for tax purposes or general values. AbilityFirst makes no warranties or representations of any kind with respect to any items or services sold.

- An accepted bid is a legal contract.
- All items require a minimum bid, as noted on the items page.
- Please respect the minimum bid and increment amounts. Each bid must equal or exceed the minimum increase required for the item.
- Should the final bid not reflect the increment amount indicated, the preceding bid will be honored.
- The person bidding on items containing alcohol must be 21 years of age or older.
- All winning bids must be paid at the close of the auction with VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.
- The listed value of the auction item is the contributor's estimate and not warranted by AbilityFirst.
- All sales are final. There will be no refunds.
- All amounts in excess of the estimated retail value of the package or item may be deducted for tax purposes as a charitable contribution.
- Proceeds from the auction support programs and services provided by AbilityFirst for children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities.

The highest bid at the closing time will constitute the winning bid. Winner will have five business days from notification to claim prize. If prize is unclaimed after five business days, the winner will forfeit auction item and will be responsible for monies outstanding.

The pick-up window for auction items is June 10-11, 2021 from 10am-2pm from the parking lot of AbilityFirst Headquarters at 1300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91106. After this date, we will contact donors and arrange pick up or delivery of unclaimed auction items.

AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

ITEM #13 - MEXICAN ESCAPE!



7-night stay for 2 adults in one of the following Mexican cities: Acapulco, Cancun-Riviera Maya, Nuevo Vallarta, Los Cabos. Donated by: Anonymous; *Value*: \$4,550

ITEM #I – BIG BEAR GETAWAY*



Five Summer days OR Three Winter days in a 3-bedroom cabin. Located just three blocks from Snow Summet Resort. *Donated by Tom & Elizabeth Polenzani, Tom & Kim Polenzani; Value: \$1,200.*

AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

ITEM #9 – I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE!



Two weeknight stay in a 2-bedroom renovated cottage at Enriquez Wine Estates in Santa Rosa. Includes tastings at 2 area wineries – Donated by: Enriquez Wine Estates, Cline Family Cellars, DaVero Farms & Winery – *Value*: \$1,520

ITEM #12 – TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



4 tickets in the "player family seating section" to a 2021 Los Angeles Dodger's game, signed baseball by LA Dodger pitcher Dustin May. Donated by: Beverly Hills Sports Council, Joseph Longo; *Value*: \$2,500

AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

ITEM #5 – CHEERS TO BEERS!





Golden Road Brewing has been brewing delicious craft beer since 2011. Based in Los Angeles with locations in Atwater Village, downtown Los Angeles, Anaheim, Huntington Beach and Sacramento, Golden Road's year-round offerings include Mango Cart Wheat Ale, Hazy Pup IPA, Golden State Cerveza and Fruit Cart Hard Seltzer. Donated by Golden Road Brewing; Value: \$1000

- Private virtual beer tasting with Golden Road Certified Cicerone Beer Educator
- I hour via Zoom
- 6 kinds of beer along with Pairing suggestions
- Beer included for up to 6 people

ITEM #4 – PUPPY LOVE!





Adopt a 14-week-old puppy with donated services and a doggie basket. Donated by Hand in Paw Rescue, Pasadena Pet and Jen Wong; Value: Priceless

AUCTION DONORS

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED ITEMS, TIME AND RESOURCES TO THE 2021 FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL.

Anonymous Beverly Hills Sports Council Blaze Pizza Boston Court Boxing Cat Entertainment Cesare Safieh City National City of Pasadena **Cline Family Cellars** Damon's Steakhouse DaVero Farms & Winery Descanso Gardens Detox Day Spa Dunes West Golf and River Club East West Players Eaton Canyon Nature Center EazyHold Enriquez Estate Wines Frida Pickle Flower Shop Golden Road Brewerv Hand in Paw Rescue Hollywood Wax Museum In-N-Out Burger Foundation IP Casino Resort & Spa Irvine Park Railroad Jacuzzi Family Vineyards Jen Wong

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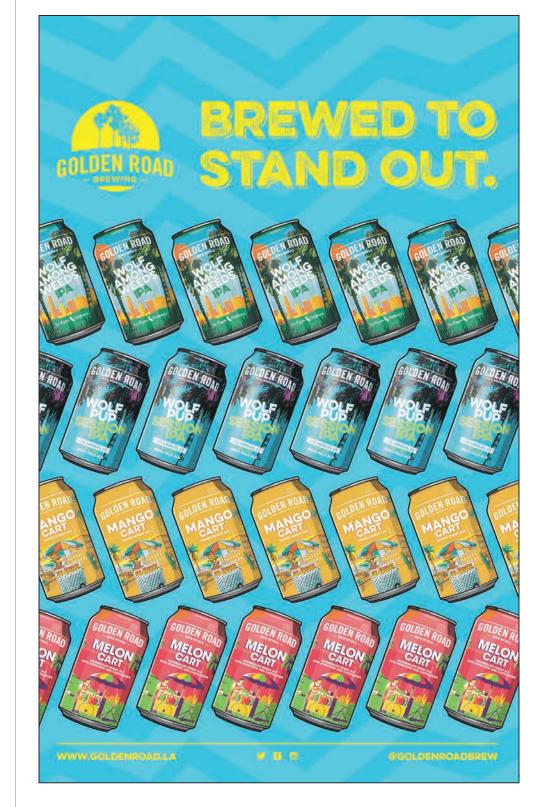
June 1, 2021. Any donors and sponsors that may have come in after that time, are not reflected on this list. We greatly appreciate everyone's support!

You are compassionate.

You approach each day with a healthy dose of empathy. You believe in the healing power of kindness. You have a profound impact on the lives of those you touch. For your selfless dedication, we salute you.

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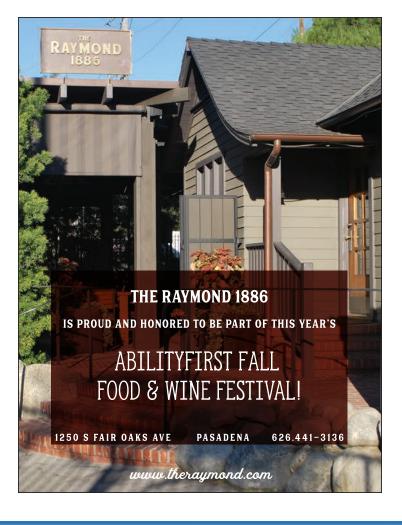
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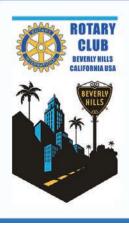
We are passionate about supporting AbilityFirst and their cause to work with this amazing community of people.

Congratulations on all that you do!



EOS, the Entrepreneurial Operating System, is a complete set of simple concepts and practical tools that has helped thousands of entrepreneurs get what they want from their businesses. By mastering this simple way of operating, leadership teams of growth-oriented companies systematically and permanently improve.





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