

STANDING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Recently one of our team members has been given an amazing honor within her charitable organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters. Melissa Prandi and the entire staff are so proud to announce this wonderful accomplishment which Erin Leidy, Director of Business Development and Marketing has recently been recognized for.

Erin has been named the **California Big Sister of the Year for Big Brothers Big Sisters**, a non-profit organization. This honor is in recognition of her tireless support of the agency, and more importantly, of her very sweet "Little Brother" 11-year old Trayvon.

Each year agencies across the state, nominate one Big Brother and one Big Sister for their exemplary mentoring and advocacy. There are 19 agencies in all, representing over 13,000 matches. The individuals nominated are judged at the state-level by a panel of agency Executive Directors. Winners from each state are then eligible to be named National Big Brother or Big Sister of Year.

Erin has been working with the organization for roughly five years, spawned by her husband, Jonathan's involvement on the Board of Directors. She and Trayvon are far from the average pair. Although not the first "mixed-match," traditionally, the organization has focused on pairing Bigs and Littles of the same sex. However, with over 200 chil-



dren on the North Bay waiting list, mostly boys, the organization has been compelled to become more creative.

"When we have fantastic mentors, like Erin, willing to donate their time and talents, we want to get them involved with a child as soon as possible," says Executive Director of the North Bay agency, Eddie Kaufman. "Pairing her with Trayvon was natural, given that she is the elder sister of 3 brothers. The results speak for themselves."

In the relatively short time that Erin and Trayvon have been together, they have done quite a bit. They have gone hiking, to Warriors games and amusement parks, visited museums, baked holiday cookies, and much more.

"Over the course of our match, there have been many firsts for Tray," says Erin. "He has learned how to play tennis, make scrambled eggs, and even some less complicated things, like the importance of looking someone in the eye when you speak with them. Most recently, we took him up to the top of Tamal-

pais, where he was able to experience snow for the first time."

Of all of the things that she has brought to Tray's life, the most valuable is stability. He has officially become a part of the Leidy family, never missing a holiday. "When we go out together, I notice others watching us, trying to bring context to a relationship that, on the surface, seems a bit peculiar. That's fine with Tray and I; in fact, it often leads to a great opportunity for the both of us to share our story."

"Winning is a great honor and I would like to share this recognition with the staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay as well as all of my family and friends that have supported the organization along with me," Erin says.

The judging for the National Big Sister of the Year takes place in May. If selected, Erin and Trayvon would be taking a trip to the White House, where past winners have had the opportunity to shake hands with The President of the United States!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

In our last issue of the PRANDI Press we announced an important new California State law that all property owners must be **compliant with by July 1, 2011**. As such, PRANDI Property Management will be coordinating installation of Carbon Monoxide Detectors in *all properties* over the next few months. The price per detector will be as follows:

- 1 Installed Detector = \$85**
- 2 Installed Detectors = \$110**
- 3 Installed Detectors = \$135**
- 4 Installed Detectors = \$160**
- 5 Installed Detectors = \$185**

****At the same time we will be checking for the presence of proper smoke detectors.*

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To be the most trusted name in property management services in Marin County by offering unparalleled customer service through effective communication, technology, and continued education. The PRANDI Team will continue to be the most respected leader in the industry and strengthen our presence in Central and Southern Marin.

SPRING CLEANING & STAYING 'GREEN'

Springtime is officially in bloom and we here at PRANDI have been preparing for the beautiful (and much anticipated) weather ahead.

We have been spring-cleaning lots of yards, checking irrigation systems, starting up pool spring cleanings, clearing gutters and yards, as well as completing Annual Evaluations.

Please keep in mind these maintenance issues that are better done in the warm weather—roofing check-ups, painting, and servicing A/C, heaters and fireplaces so they are clear and clean for the Fall again.

—Your PRANDI Property Management Team

...happy earth day!

At PRANDI, we strive to be as eco-conscious as possible. With rental showings increasing every day, our PRANDI Prius really comes in handy. It gets 50 mpg, which gives us and our clients, peace of mind.

Join us and get down to earth by making some beneficial changes. Turn down your water heater, only water your lawn in the early morning, install energy efficient light bulbs, recycle, make sure to use both sides of the paper you're writing on, plant a tree, take a walk around your community and pick up trash, use reusable bags when you make your weekly grocery run, use low VOC paint when repainting a room, or ride your bicycle instead of driving.

connect

with 1000 megawatts of energy every single day just by turning off the lights when you leave a room.

unplug

your video games, tv and computers when you're not playing, watching or using, and we can save more than 1 billion dollars in energy bills every year.

tap

into a greener planet by turning off the tap. Every two minutes you save on your shower can conserve more than ten gallons of water.

fuel

your tank with the lowest grade octane allowed and save over 3 billion dollars a year - enough to buy more than 100,000 hybrid cars.