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PRONTO ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT



BAYSHORE, NY – Today, Pronto of Long Island, Inc., a not-for-profit, Community Outreach Center serving the most vulnerable children and families living in Brentwood, Bay Shore, Central Islip and neighboring communities, announces Kathleen Bennett as its new President. Pronto is an affiliate of Family Residences and

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Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE). Mrs. Bennett, a resident of Commack, comes to Pronto with over 20 years of business management experience as a Manager and Team Leader for *Newsday* in Melville.

“We feel honored to be partnering with PRONTO and as they soon approach 50 years of service we are excited to support the amazing gifts they will continue to bring to our communities for years to come. Kathleen has already brightened the fabric of the Family of FREE,” said Robert S. Budd, CEO of FREE. “We are all looking forward to benefitting from her enthusiasm, skills, and vision for the future for the communities we serve,” he continued.

Mrs. Bennett’s relationship dates back to 1983 when Pronto was able to help her in a time of need. Since then she has been a donor and helped them in their fundraising efforts. Prior to becoming President, Mrs. Bennett had served on the Pronto Board of Directors as Secretary and then Vice President.

“I’m thrilled that this opportunity to help Pronto grow to new heights has presented itself,” said Kathleen.

About Pronto of Long Island, Inc.

Pronto opened its doors in 1969 in a 5th Avenue storefront as a center to help the poor. It began from the vision of a group of committed lay people and clergy at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. Today, Pronto of Long Island is a community outreach center serving the most vulnerable children and families living in Brentwood, Bayshore, Central Islip and neighboring communities. Pronto has a food pantry, thrift center and warehouse with gently used household and furniture items. Pronto also offers programs and services to help families improve the quality of their lives.

The mission of Pronto is to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, welcome the stranger and provide healing and hope to everyone who walks through our doors.

Pronto truly is People Helping People.

About Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) founded in 1977 and headquartered in Old Bethpage, benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing, recovery services, transition to work, employment, day, community and family services, respite, crisis services, education and after-school support, primary and specialty health care and advocacy. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit www.familyres.org.

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