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Sente Mortgage Banker, Andrew Smith assists visually impaired runner cross finish line of the Chevron Houston Marathon

Austin, Texas (January 17, 2012) – This past Sunday Sente Mortgage Banker Andrew Smith took part in the Chevron Houston Marathon as a sighted guide to Joe Paschall, athletic director for Texas School of the Blind and Visually Impaired. Together they finished the marathon in an impressive 3:55:21 and qualified to participate in the Boston Marathon together this coming April.

Andrew was matched up with Mr. Paschall through C Different, a foundation that works to create opportunities for the visually impaired to participate in athletic events. Andrew, a life-long runner and triathlete is currently focused on training and coaching other runners. He developed a training schedule for Mr. Paschall to follow and together they were able to get a few training runs in before the race.

This is the first time Andrew has partnered with C Different as a sighted guide and is looking forward to continuing the relationship, "It was an amazing experience and I was inspired by Joe's courage and determination."

Both runners were honored on Saturday with a luncheon put on by the C Different Foundation. Fellow marathoner and Sente Mortgage colleague, Mack Blankenship was on hand for the event and was very impressed by Andrew's commitment to service: "...this is what service to others is all about and Andrew epitomizes the very meaning of giving without expecting anything in return with faith that says, 'as one sows, so shall one reap!'"

About Andrew Smith

Andrew began his career in the financial services industry, first as a banker and then moving on to earn his Registered Representative certification to sell securities. Through his early experience as a financial professional, Andrew came to realize that he gained the greatest satisfaction from structuring financing for his clients. This prompted him to focus solely on residential mortgage lending, which is where he has dedicated his career since. Andrew's financial shrewdness, Certified Mortgage Planner designation, and integrity ensure he offers optimum advice.

Andrew graduated from Lubbock Christian University and is a Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist. Andrew is an active member within his community as a participant in Austin Involved, The Trail Foundation, Austin Residential Solutions, and Micah 6.

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About C Different

Through collaboration with sighted athletes and generous donors, C Different partners with members of the blind and vision impaired community to help them live outside-the-box moments, by helping them to compete in athletic events they never believed they would have the opportunity to participate.

If you would like to consider supporting this organization, you can sponsor Andrew with a donation to C Different at: <http://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com/Donate/PersonalPage.cfm?MID=8216&CRID=33&CID=343>

About Sente Mortgage

Sente Mortgage offers a wide variety of residential loan programs including Conventional, FHA, VA, USDA, and Jumbo. Their in-house processing, underwriting and funding allow them to confidently meet their clients' closing date. Sente Mortgage has offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, New Braunfels, and San Antonio.

Sente Mortgage was just ranked 10th on ABJ's list of 'Mortgage Companies' in the Austin area. Sente Mortgage was also awarded #6 ranking in the Austin Business Journal's Fast 50; the publication's listing of the area's fastest growing companies. This past May both the Austin and San Antonio Business Journals honored Sente Mortgage as one of the best places to work.

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