

Ladera's Britschgi Realty Offers 'Helping Hand'

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Many Ladera neighbors have been following the developments of eight-month-old Blake McGraw's family to obtain his prosthetic lower left arm and hand, the story of which has been chronicled in the Ladera Times.

Little Blake was born with congenital amputation of the limb, and community members are helping to raise the necessary funds so that he can qualify for a leading-edge technology electronic prosthetic hand.

The device will give him close to typical use of a left hand and allow him to lead a normal life.

A temporary training

model is being fitted and will be installed in a few weeks so that Blake can get used to the added weight on his arm.

Blake will continue to be a research subject as he progresses with his actual prosthetic, and will benefit future generations from his participation in the program.

Ladera Realtor® Urs Britschgi (pronounced 'bridge-key') has taken Blake's cause within his organization's near-term objectives, and has pledged a percentage of all transactions for the next six months.

Urs commented, "We recently had the privilege to meet little Blake McGraw, and he immediately captured our hearts. As his Ladera Ranch neighbors, we feel it is our duty to reach out and support the McGraw's effort to raise money for this noble cause, and offer the



community an opportunity to help us help Blake."

That's Urs shown happily holding Blake in the photo on the right.

The Britschgi Real Estate Team joins other charitable

contributions from Ladera businesses including the Blackstone Realty Team, Selma's Restaurant, Ollie and Jax Pub, the Ladera Times, and many friends and neighbors of the McGraw family.

Each contribution is recognized with a commensurate number of complimentary entries in a drawing for an original oil painting depicting Ladera's town green gazebo.

Blake will draw the winner with his new hand once he is competent to do so. You can learn more about the Britschgi Real Estate Team at www.goladera.com, and more information about Blake at www.halosforblake.com.