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Mixed Roots Foundation Announces Community Partners and Korean Adoptee Kimberly Michaels to Sing National Anthem at Adoptee Day with San Jose Earthquakes - Oct 26
Community Partners include African Cradle, Bay Area Mentoring and Post Adoption Center for Education and Research (PACER) all to raise awareness and funds for more post adoption resources

San Francisco, CA, September 26, 2013 –The Mixed Roots Foundation proudly announces its community partners for its final game of the second season of its signature Adoptee Day / Night sporting events and will feature back by popular demand Korean adoptee artist and singer Kimberly Michaels who is based in Minneapolis, MN and recently performed the national anthem with the Grammy Award Winning R&B gospel group Sounds of Blackness for the inaugural Adoptee Night with the MN Twins in August 2013. Kimberly will sing the **national anthem** for the **first ever MLS San Jose Earthquakes Adoptee Day** where they take on FC Dallas on **Saturday, October, 26, 2013 – 2:30 p.m. at Buck Shaw Stadium, Santa Clara, CA.**

“I am so excited to come out to the San Francisco Bay area and have the opportunity to sing the national anthem for the San Jose Earthquakes Adoptee Day,” stated **Kimberly Michaels, Korean Adoptee musical artist and singer.** “I look forward to meeting everyone and learn more about all that is going on in the Bay area for adoptees and their families – Go San Jose Earthquakes!”

“We, at African Cradle, Inc. are delighted to participate in Adoptee Day with the San Jose Earthquakes!” expressed **Amber Stime, Executive Director, African Cradle and Adoptee from Ethiopia.** “It is so important to recognize and celebrate all adoptees as well as acknowledging their strength, resilience, and the beauty of the human spirit they all have.”

The San Jose Earthquakes in partnership with Mixed Roots Foundation will donate a portion of all signature Adoptee Day tickets sold to benefit local community partners whose vision and mission align with **providing more important post-adoption resources** for adoptees and their families.





Special pregame activities include a VIP reception, silent auction and for a limited number of VIP guests – an opportunity to go out on the field to meet & greet the Earthquakes players. All Adoptee Day ticket holders will receive a free signature Adoptee Day rally towel. **Tickets are now on sale** - For more information, details on the event and/or to buy tickets for groups 10 or more to avoid Eventbrite service fees, **please contact Matt Chan** at the **San Jose Earthquakes** at **408.556.7711** or email **mchan@sjearthquakes.com**. **You may also visit <http://earthquakesadopteeday.eventbrite.com/> to buy tickets online.** To sponsor, volunteer, or learn more about Mixed Roots Foundation and its partners, programs and events, please LIKE Mixed Roots Foundation on Facebook, call 800.659.6958, email events@mixedrootsfoundation.org, or **visit www.mixedrootsfoundation.org**.

About Kimberly Michaels

Kimberly Michaels is a musical artist that delivers versatility and an intoxicatingly passionate vibe through singing. Born halfway around the world in Seoul, South Korea, as Park Sung Hee, then adopted and became a native Minnesotan at just 6-months old, Kimberly grew up in Minnetonka where music became part of Kimberly's life from early childhood and as an adult. She began her classical training in piano at age four. And over time, Kimberly earned her way into Opera, R&B, and Pop societies. Kimberly can be found singing with R-Factor and at various corporate, night clubs, and other special events. **Please visit: www.kimberlymichaels.com**

About African Cradle

African Cradle, Inc. is a licensed nonprofit adoption organization and agency dedicated to building and nurturing adoptive families for African and African-American children. African Cradle provides homestudy services that encourages and assists Africans to adopt from their homeland. Other services include adoption counseling and post-adoption support including their signature program, the Ethiopian Heritage Camp that takes place every year for families touched by Ethiopian adoption. **Please visit: www.africancradle.org**

About Bay Area Mentoring

Bay Area Mentoring promotes youth mentoring by connecting programs and community members throughout Northern California. Bay Area Mentoring works with over 35 programs that provide support through the mentoring of youth by volunteers in the community. **Please visit: www.bayareamentoring.org**

About Post-Adoption Center for Education and Research (PACER)

Celebrating its 35th Anniversary, The Post-Adoption Center for Education and Research (PACER) is dedicated to serving people touched by adoption. PACER's mission is to foster better understanding of adoption as a lifelong process and intergenerational journey, and to serve all members of the adoption triad – adopted individuals, first/birth parents, birth siblings, and adoptive families – by providing comprehensive information and ongoing support. **Please visit: www.pacer-adoption.org**

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