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Mixed Roots Foundation Teams Up with USA Weekend and Legendary International Soccer Players Coach Tony Igwe and David Gold to ‘Make a Difference’ at the Inaugural Adoptee Day with San Jose Earthquakes on Oct 26

Coach Tony Igwe and David Gold to co-sponsor soccer clinic for youth at 10 am and host VIP volunteer reception at 12 Noon before Earthquakes final game of season

San Francisco, CA, October 11, 2013 –The Mixed Roots Foundation proudly announces its partnership with **USA Weekend** in celebrating over 20 years of the ‘**Make a Difference Day**’ the largest national day of community service where millions of volunteers around the world unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others. ‘Make a Difference Day’ takes place every year on the 4th Saturday of October. This year, Mixed Roots Foundation invites all volunteers to ‘**Make a Difference**’ at its inaugural **Adoptee Day with the MLS San Jose Earthquakes** to help **raise awareness and funds for more post adoption resources for adoptees and their families** on **Saturday, October, 26, 2013.**

Mixed Roots Foundation will host a soccer clinic that will be led and co-sponsored by legendary international soccer pros now Coaches and Mentors **Tony Igwe, 1968 Olympian and professor at Chabot College in Hayward** and **former Coach/player of the San Jose Earthquakes and Founder of Go 4 Gold Soccer Schools, David Gold** before the San Jose Earthquakes game and welcomes all individuals who want to make a difference to help volunteer and assist youth between the ages of 5-17 at the soccer clinic. **The soccer clinic will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Chabot College’s soccer field in Hayward** that will include basic 101 soccer skills and techniques, strength training and fitness activities and most importantly promoting healthy and active lifestyles and friendships.

“I am so honored to have the opportunity to work and volunteer for Mixed Roots Foundation’s Make a Difference Day,” stated Coach Tony Igwe. “I look forward to raising awareness at the San Jose Earthquakes game and make a difference in the lives of youth that want to play soccer on this special day – you can learn so much from soccer both on and off the field...that is what I do – I inspire and educate through soccer...Go Earthquakes!”

Following the soccer clinic at 12:00 Noon, Coach Tony Igwe and David Gold will host a **pregame VIP reception for all of the participants and volunteers for Make a Difference Day at the Locatelli Center next to Buck Shaw Stadium at Santa Clara University.** The VIP reception will include healthy snacks and beverages and an opportunity to meet and mingle with National Anthem singer and Korean adoptee Kimberly Michaels along with other local individuals, businesses and organizations that are making a difference in the community.





For individuals that attend the San Jose Earthquakes game at 2:30 p.m., a portion of all signature Adoptee Day tickets sold will benefit local community partners whose vision and mission align with **providing more important post-adoption resources** for adoptees and their families including Bay Area Mentoring, Post Adoption Center for Education and Research (PACER) and African Cradle.

For more information on how to volunteer for Make a Difference Day at the soccer clinic and/or VIP reception, please visit: <http://www.makeadifferenceday.com/event/44191> or contact Dupree Gant at 415.724.1622. To buy tickets to attend the actual San Jose Earthquakes game, **please contact Matt Chan at 408.556.7711** or email mchan@sjearthquakes.com. **You may also visit <http://earthquakesadopteeday.eventbrite.com/> to buy tickets online.** To sponsor 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 USA Weekend – Make a Difference Day

For more than 20 years, USA Weekend Magazine and Points of Light Foundation have joined together to sponsor Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of community service. Make A Difference Day is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Thousands of projects are planned each year involving corporations, communities, nonprofit organizations, entire states and individuals. The stories told around Make A Difference Day show that anyone - regardless of age, location or resources - can accomplish amazing things when they take on the problems they see in their community. Recognizing the power of Make A Difference Day, other organizations join with USA WEEKEND and Points of Light each year to inspire and recognize the valuable work of volunteers. Newman's Own supports the day by awarding \$10,000 to the charities of each of 10 National Honorees and three City Awardees. USA WEEKEND Magazine will feature the All-Star honoree, 10 National and three City Award honorees in a special April 2014 issue coinciding with National Volunteer Week, led by Points of Light.

About Coach Tony Igwe

As Chabot College's head soccer coach Tony Igwe, who leads all of the soccer programs including the Gladiators and Ambassadors, Igwe has dedicated much of his life to soccer. He represented his home country of Nigeria in the Mexico City Olympic Games, was a three-time All American at the University of San Francisco, and competed in the Professional American Soccer League. Before coming to Chabot, he was the Women's Varsity Soccer Coach at Stanford University. Tony has a B.A. in Physical Education, an M.S.C. in Counseling, and an Advanced National Diploma from the NSCAA.

About David Gold

Former Coach and player for the San Jose Earthquakes, David has been operating his Go 4 Gold Soccer Schools for the past 20 years which is considered Northern California's Premier Soccer School that educates young boys and girls of all ages in a fun and positive environment in learning the game of soccer. David has a Master of Science degree in Physical Education and a Bachelors of Science in Sports Medicine and has served in multiple roles and has received several awards as coach and soccer player for various national and professional teams both locally and globally.

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