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Mixed Roots Foundation

Mixed Roots Foundation Announces Community Partners Going to Bat for Kids at the 2nd Annual ‘Adoptee Night’ with the Minnesota Twins and will Send Over 100 Kids to the Baseball Game

Community Partners include North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC), Children’s Home Society of Minnesota (CHSM) / Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) and Connections to Independence (C2i) that will Raise the MN Twins Territorial Flag

Minneapolis, MN, August 12, 2014 – Mixed Roots Foundation is proud to announce its community partners for the **2nd Annual ‘Adoptee Night’ with the Minnesota Twins** that will take place this **Friday, August 15, 2014, at 7:10 p.m.** at **Target Field, Minneapolis, MN.** Through the combination of outreach amongst all of the community partners this year, more than 100 adopted and foster care youth will have the opportunity to attend a baseball game for the first time. Not only do community partners help reach out to raise awareness and increase the overall attendance and participation of ‘Adoptee Night’, but they also serve as beneficiaries of the funds raised from each ticket sold for this special event that will further support more post-adoption programs and services that are provided to the greater adoption and foster care community.

“We are so excited to serve as a community partner for the first time this year and be selected to raise the Minnesota Twins Territorial Flag in honor of adoptees and foster youth,” said **Jessica Rogers, Executive Director, Connections to Independence.** “As a fellow adoptee who now works with youth in foster care, it is great to see that there is an event that recognizes all adoptees and foster youth on a national level...We look forward to getting more involved and spreading the word about this special event, so that we can continue to make a difference and make a positive impact on the young lives who have been touched by adoption and foster care.”

“As one of the leading organizations in the country serving children and families, we are proud to partner with Mixed Roots Foundation in hosting the 2nd Annual ‘Adoptee Night’ with the Minnesota Twins this year,” expressed **Alexis Oberdorfer, Senior Director of Adoption, Children’s Home Society of Minnesota and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.** “We support Mixed Roots Foundation and other organizations in their efforts to raise awareness of adoptees, adoptive families and the need for permanency. We look forward to collaborating with Mixed Roots Foundation so that we can continue to grow this event each year and provide adopted children, children in foster care and their families an opportunity to go to a baseball game. *Go Twins!*”

Tickets cost \$17 which include a **pregame reception** to take place at **Hubert’s Bar and Grill** (on Target Field Plaza) **from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., the raising of the MN Twins Territorial Flag, and fireworks following the game.** In addition, the **first 200 Adoptee Night ticket holders** will receive a **signature Adoptee Night rally towel.**





For more information or to buy tickets, please visit www.mixedrootsfoundation.org. For groups of 30 or more, please contact Landon Oldenburger – 612.767.2960 or email landonoldenburger@twinsbaseball.com.

To sponsor, please contact Fred Zermeno at 213.219.1060 or email fzermeno@mixedrootsfoundation.org or to become a community partner, volunteer, or learn more about Mixed Roots Foundation, please LIKE Mixed Roots Foundation on Facebook, call 800.659.6958, or email events@mixedrootsfoundation.org.

About Mixed Roots Foundation

Mixed Roots Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with its global headquarters based in Los Angeles, CA and serves as the first and only national / global multicultural adoptee led foundation for all adoptees and their families that is representative of the international, domestic, and foster care adoption experience and aims to leverage philanthropy and grass roots fundraising to provide more post-adoption resources for adoptees and their families. **For more information, please visit: www.mixedrootsfoundation.org**

About North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

Founded in 1974 by adoptive parents, NACAC is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children and the families who adopt them. NACAC's mission is to promote and support permanent families for children and youth in the U.S. and Canada who have been in care—especially those in foster care and those with special needs. Core values of NACAC include racial and ethnic identity, empowered parents and youth, inclusivity, birth family connections, connected communities and grassroots advocacy, and that every child and youth should have a permanent, loving family. **For more information, please visit: www.nacac.org.**

About Children's Home Society of Minnesota (CHSM) and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS)

Founded in 1889, Children's Home Society of Minnesota works to give every child security, opportunity and a loving family. Founded in 1865, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota believes all people deserve the opportunity to live and work in community with dignity, safety, and hope. In 2012, Children's Home and LSS came together in partnership to provide high-quality, comprehensive adoption services nationwide. **For more information, please visit: www.chsfs.org and www.lssmn.org.**

About Connections to Independence

Connections to Independence (C2i) is a community based non-profit organization that strives to end youth homelessness and jurisdictional recidivism in foster care youth by giving them tools to create long-term and systemic change in their lives and communities. C2i provides unique programming and advocacy for foster care youth to promote a successful transition to independent living as they reach adulthood. C2i promotes the development of youth by strengthening their mind, body, and soul as a way to prepare them for a healthy, balanced life as productive adults and citizens in the community. **For more information, please visit: www.c2iyouth.org.**

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