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# Entertainment Tonight's Kevin Frazier Teams Up with Mixed Roots Foundation to Throw Out First Pitch to Son Tony Tull at 4<sup>th</sup> Annual LA Dodgers Adoptee Night for National Foster Care Month

'Adoptee Night' is a Special Night for All Who are Touched by Adoption and Foster Care with Goal to Send 1,500 Adopted and Foster Youth to Attend Their First Baseball Game

Los Angeles, CA (Tuesday, April 12, 2016) – In celebration of its 5 Year Anniversary, Mixed Roots Foundation will host its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Adoptee Night' with the LA Dodgers during National Foster Care Month as they take on the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:10 p.m. at Dodger Stadium. Kevin Frazier, Co-Host of Entertainment Tonight will throw out the first pitch to his oldest son whom he had given up for adoption while Kevin was a teenager.

"It's awesome that adoption is being recognized, and I am extremely excited to share this night with my father, my own son Aden, and my brothers Shane and Reece," said **Tony Tull.** "Kevin and I have been in touch most of my life. I am grateful to my adoptive parents that raised me and I am very blessed to have such a great relationship with my biological father."

"I am deeply honored to throw out the first pitch for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Adoptee Night with the LA Dodgers," said **Kevin Frazier, Co-Host, Entertainment Tonight.** "I would never have dreamed that an opportunity such as this would come in my lifetime and to do this with my first born son – We hope that we can be a voice for all who have been touched by adoption and foster care and inspire others to get involved and support this important cause that touches millions of lives...please help us send 1,500 adopted and foster youth to their first baseball game this year by donating to Mixed Roots Foundation – This time no wild pitches - We look forward to seeing all of you there...It's going to be an amazing night for everyone – Go Dodgers!"

"Currently there are over 18,000 children in Los Angeles County living in foster care. The Dodgers Adoptee Night helps promote more awareness that all youth deserve safe, nurturing and permanent families. I thank all of the foster and adoptive parents who are committed to providing children in need, with a loving home, and also all of our DCFS social workers and staff who work so hard for our children," said Philip L. Browning, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. "I especially want to thank Mixed Roots Foundation for making this special event possible for all of the children and families again this year."



In addition, **Mixed Roots Foundation will partner with several individuals, businesses and organizations in the greater community** to assist in the recruitment of adoptees, foster youth and their families to participate in the special event including the Los Angeles Lakers, Vlado Footwear, Brotherhood Crusade, Mixed Chicks, The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Spokeo, Stratford Schools, The Beverly Hilton, MindBomb Clothing, Primrose Home Health Care, Inc., Christine's Mod Art, Hilton Universal, Hair Wraps by Brenna, KMK Commercial Insurance, Embassy Suites – Downey, DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown Los Angeles, Five Acres, Raise a Child, AdoptTogether, Southern California Gas Company, and the Law Offices of John H. Oh & Associates.

Mixed Roots Foundation will also host a **pregame VIP Meet & Greet reception with Kevin Frazier**, **Tony Tull, their families as well as other special guests including community partners and sponsors. The pregame VIP Meet & Greet will begin at 5:00 p.m.** in a brand new event suite at Dodger Stadium where guests will be able to watch the game, network as well share various community resources with one another.

Individual Tickets cost \$25. To become a community partner or sponsor, please contact 213.725.8054 or email sponsor@mixedrootsfoundation.org. To sponsor an individual kid, visit crowdrise.com/ladodgersadopteenight2016. To volunteer or learn more about the event, please email events@mixedrootsfoundation.org or visit www.mixedrootsfoundation.org for more information.

### About Kevin Frazier, Co-Host, Entertainment Tonight (ET)

As co-host of ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT, Kevin Frazier continues to impact the entertainment industry as a multi-faceted journalist, producer and entrepreneur. He has interviewed Hollywood's biggest stars from Oprah Winfrey to Brad Pitt to Will Smith and Beyoncé. Frazier joined ET as co-host in September 2014, coinciding with the beginning of the 34<sup>th</sup> season.

In addition to his position on ET, Frazier has kept busy hosting numerous shows and events. Since September 2013, Frazier has hosted Emmy-nominated *Game Changers With Kevin Frazier*, which spotlights professional athletes who use their public image to make positive changes in the lives of fans in need. In 2012 and 2013, he co-hosted *Clash of the Commercials* on CBS. Frazier also served as lead anchor for *College Football on FX* and *Fox Sports Net* and hosted the launch of *SportsNet for Time Warner Cable*. He has served as co-host of the *Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade* on CBS since 2011.



Prior to ET, In 2008, Frazier founded *HipHollywood.com*, the premiere online web site for the latest urban entertainment news. The site is a content partner for ETonline and TV One, offering breaking news, up-to-the moment pop culture information, and exclusive photos and interviews with today's top stars in music, sports, television and film. HipHollywood is the only urban media outlet providing broadcast quality content for television distribution. Additionally, he launched Kevin Frazier Productions (KFP) to focus on in-depth reporting and video production for a variety of corporate and entertainment clients.

### **About Mixed Roots Foundation**

Mixed Roots Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization celebrating its 5 Year Anniversary based in Los Angeles, CA and serves as the first and only national / global multicultural foundation for adoptees and their families representative of the international, domestic, and foster care adoption experience and leverages philanthropy and grassroots fundraising to support important post-adoption resources including mentoring, DNA testing and unique scholarships/grants for adoptees, foster youth and their families. For more info, visit www.mixedrootsfoundation.org, LIKE Mixed Roots Foundation on Facebook or Follow on Twitter and Instagram @mixedroots.

## **About Entertainment Tonight (ET)**

ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT is a multi-platform entertainment news brand, with a cross-screen portfolio that includes the #1 entertainment newsmagazine on television, averaging 4.4 million viewers daily, and the #1 outlet for entertainment news video online, delivering more than 125 million video views per month. ETonline is a top five entertainment news property, with 38 million monthly unique visitors in the U.S. per comScore, while ET's social audience reaches more than 70 million U.S. users monthly.

Produced and distributed by CBS Television Distribution, ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT is hosted by Nancy O'Dell and Kevin Frazier and executive produced by Brad Bessey. Nischelle Turner is a correspondent with Cameron Mathison and Samantha Harris serving as correspondents and co-anchors of ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT WEEKEND.