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**Mixed Roots Foundation Teams Up with 23andMe, Inc. and Echoes of Hope to Present the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LA Dodgers Adoptee Night Featuring USA Women's Olympic Hockey team Sisters Marissa and Hannah Brandt to Throw Out First Pitch**  
*23andMe and Echoes of Hope helps Mixed Roots Foundation reach 1,000 of the Ultimate Goal of Sending 1,500 Adopted and Foster Care Kids to Attend Their First Baseball Game during National Foster Care Month*

**Los Angeles, CA (Thursday, May, 3, 2018)** – In celebration of **National Foster Care Month**, **23andMe**, **Echoes of Hope** and **Mixed Roots Foundation** have teamed up to help reach the goal of sending 1,500 adopted and foster care kids to their first baseball game for ‘**Adoptee Night**’ in partnership with the **Los Angeles Dodgers** on **Friday, May 25, 7:10 p.m. at Dodger Stadium**. ‘**Adoptee Night**’ will also feature the **USA Women's Olympic Hockey** team sisters, **Marissa and Hannah Brandt** who will throw out the **First Pitch**.

“This is the sixth year we've had the honor to work with the **Mixed Roots** Foundation and the second year as an official sponsor.” said **CJ Swenson, Senior Manager at 23andMe**. “Our goal is to **raise awareness about this important cause** and continue to be a **resource for adoptees and their families**, to ultimately help **make a positive difference in people's lives.**”

“Although, we can't be there in person for this amazing event”, said **Stacia and Luc Robitaille of the Los Angeles Kings**, “we are so excited that our very own nonprofit, **Echoes of Hope**, and our youth, will be there to support and welcome **Marissa and Hannah Brandt to Los Angeles** to throw out the first pitch and to celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Adoptee Night at Dodger Stadium. **Congratulations to Marissa and Hannah on being wonderful role models** for the next generation of young women and girls in hockey—**Go Dodgers!**”

In addition to teaming up with **23andMe** and **Echoes of Hope** along with featuring the **Brandt sisters**, **Mixed Roots Foundation** will also partner with several individuals including **Michael Reagan**, Congressman **Brad Sherman**, Vice Chair, California State Board of Equalization, **Fiona Ma**, Former Los Angeles County Supervisor **Mike Antonovich**, Los Angeles City Controller, **Ron Galperin** and **LA Mayor Eric Garcetti** as well as local businesses and organizations in the greater community including **Sheppard Mullin Law Firm**, **Hilton Universal**, **Spokeo**, **Jans Enterprises, Inc.**, **Varona Productions**, **Bobby Brown Foods**, **99.1 The Ranch Radio Station**, **Los Angeles Lakers**, **Los Angeles Kings**, **Los Angeles Chargers**, **Los Angeles Rams**, **Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation**, **Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services**, **Five Acres**, **Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce**, **First Place for Youth**, **Together We Rise**,



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**Mixed Remixed Festival, Stratford School, Los Angeles Job Corps, Vista Del Mar, Pact, An Adoption Alliance, and Children's Bureau** who will also assist in the recruitment of **mixed, adopted, foster youth and their families to participate** as well as help **raise funds** to reach the goal of **sending 1,500 adopted and foster youth to attend their first major league baseball game.**

**Mixed Roots Foundation** will also host a **pregame VIP Meet & Greet reception** that will take place in the **Loge Terrace at Dodger Stadium** where individuals will have the special opportunity to **meet the Brandt sisters, hear their personal stories of success as well as greet other special guests and network with valued community partners and sponsors.**

To purchase individual tickets, visit: <https://ladodgersadopteenight2018.eventbrite.com>.  
**General tickets cost \$35 / VIP Tickets cost \$75** that include a game ticket, food and beverage, VIP seating, rally towel, VIP Slap band and a chance to win various **silent auction donated items including 23andMe DNA Test Kits and Sports Memorabilia and Game Tickets.**  
To become a community partner or sponsor, please contact **213.725.8054** or email [sponsor@mixedrootsfoundation.org](mailto:sponsor@mixedrootsfoundation.org). To sponsor an individual kid, visit [crowdrise.com/ladodgersadopteenight2018](http://crowdrise.com/ladodgersadopteenight2018). To volunteer or learn more about the event, please email [events@mixedrootsfoundation.org](mailto:events@mixedrootsfoundation.org) or visit [www.mixedrootsfoundation.org](http://www.mixedrootsfoundation.org) for more information.

#### **About 23andMe**

**23andMe, Inc.** is the leading consumer genetics and research company. Founded in 2006, the mission of the company is to help people access, understand and benefit from the human genome. The company was named by MIT Technology Review in its "50 Smartest Companies, 2017" list, and featured as Fast Company's #2 Most Innovative Health Company in 2018. **23andMe has millions of customers worldwide**, with more than 80 percent consented to participate in research. **23andMe, Inc.** is located in Mountain View, CA. **More information is available at [www.23andMe.com](http://www.23andMe.com).**

#### **About Echoes of Hope**

**Echoes of Hope, founded by Stacia and Luc Robitaille**, is a nonprofit that strives to awaken the spirit of hope in the lives of children, youth, and young adults in need by alleviating barriers and helping them reach their full potential. **Since openings its doors in 2007, Echoes of Hope has helped thousands of at-risk and emancipated foster youth succeed by providing the resources, love, and support they so richly deserve.** By investing in educational avenues for our nation's most vulnerable youth, Echoes of Hope is able to create professional and personal development pathways that can change the course of a future. To learn more and support **Echoes of Hope**, please visit: [www.echoesofhope.org](http://www.echoesofhope.org)

#### **About Mixed Roots Foundation**

**Mixed Roots Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization celebrating its **7 Year Anniversary** based in **Los Angeles, CA** with regional offices in **San Francisco, CA** and **Minneapolis, MN** 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 improves the lives of those touched by adoption and foster care by leveraging 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](http://www.mixedrootsfoundation.org), **LIKE Mixed Roots Foundation on Facebook or Follow on Twitter and Instagram @mixedroots.**

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