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Mixed Roots Foundation Hosts Two Events Featuring the U.S. Women's Olympic Hockey Team Sisters, Marissa and Hannah Brandt at the University of Minnesota in partnership with the University of Minnesota Alumni Association and the Minnesota Twins at Target Field to Celebrate Adoption & Foster Care

Over 200 Adopted and Foster Youth to attend their first MN Twins baseball game at the 6th Annual MN Twins Adoptee Night Presented by 23andMe

What:

Mixed Roots Foundation will host two events that will celebrate adoption and foster care including the first that will take place in partnership with the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, An Alumni Panel Discussion taking place on Thursday, July 12th from 6-8 p.m. at the McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota that will feature U of MN Alumni the US Women's Olympic Hockey Team sisters Hannah Brandt who won Gold with Team USA and her sister Marissa Brandt, adopted as an infant from South Korea and played for the first ever United North and South Korea Women's Hockey Team in this past Olympics in South Korea, Founder and President of Mixed Roots Foundation, Holly Choon Hyang Bachman and other special guests in the greater community and will share the success of the Olympics, adoption stories and resources.

The second event will feature over 200 adopted and foster youth that will have the chance to see their first ever MN Twins baseball game at "Adoptee Night" on Friday, July 13th, at 7:10 at Target Field. The US Women's Olympic Hockey team sisters Marissa and Hannah Brandt will throw out the First Pitch. Other invited guests include

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and various community partners and sponsors. Many adopted and foster youth have never attended a baseball game, so the experience of sharing a major league baseball game with caring foster and adoptive parents and their families as well as would-be mentors can possibly turn into a more lasting and positive relationship for all involved. Youth and Families will receive a signature Adoptee Night Rally Towel as well as be seated together in an exclusive Adoptee Night section. For the past 7 years, Mixed Roots Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Los Angeles, but was established and has regional offices in San Francisco and Minneapolis has hosted the annual "Adoptee Night" to promote foster care and adoption issues, with the hope of recruiting foster and adoptive parents for children in need. Mixed Roots Foundation has staged similar events nationally and globally supporting post-adoption resources, including mentoring, DNA testing, and unique scholarships and grants for youth and their families. Who: -Over 200 adopted and foster youth attending their first ever MN Twins baseball game - USA Women's Olympic Hockey team sisters, Marissa Brandt and Hannah Brandt -Holly Choon Hyang Bachman, Founder and President, Mixed Roots Foundation -23andMe -Connections to Independence -AK Connection -Blind, Inc. -University of Minnesota Alumni Association When: -Thursday, July 12th, 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. - Friday, July 13th, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Where: -Panel Discussion: McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street SE, Laukka Room (2nd Floor) Minneapolis, MN 55455 -Baseball Game: Target Field, 1 Twins Way, Minneapolis, MN 55403 If interested in covering the event, please contact Holly Bachman at 213.725.8054 or hbachman@mixedrootsfoundation.org