



## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Celebrate REFUGEE YOUTH Through a Community Soccer Game!**

**– Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County & Archbishop Mitty High School –**

**Saturday, May 6, 2017, 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM**

**WHAT:** The ONE WORLD CUP 2017- Archbishop Mitty High School (Mitty) is partnering with the **Refugee Foster Care Program** at Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSCC) to produce on a community event to celebrate and welcome the refugees in our community. Mitty athletes will team up with Refugee youth to play a competitive soccer game, highlighting their support for the Refugee population throughout the refugee crisis.

**WHO:** John Rinaldo, Director of Parish Partnership, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County  
Angela Albright, Director of Refugee Foster Care, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County  
Tim Wesmiller, Director of Campus Ministry, Archbishop Mitty High School

**WHY:** Catholic Charities' Refugee Foster Care program is the only program in Northern California that serves orphaned refugee children fleeing terror, poverty, and oppression. The recent Executive Orders and the anti-refugee political climate have made it difficult to accept new refugee children into the country who seek safe haven in the U.S. The Refugee youth in the program are fearful and have experienced some negative push-back from those in the area who do not support the refugee cause. The students at Mitty HS have been inspired and have risen to action to fight for the rights of refugees. Soccer is a world-wide language that brings people together. Mitty will host this game as a sign of welcome and solidarity with the refugee youth living in our community.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 10:15 a.m. (Gates open) to 12:30 p.m. (End of event)

**WHERE:** The soccer field at Mitty - 5000 Mitty Way, San Jose, CA 95129

**VISUALS:** Public welcome, Refugee youth story, Combined soccer game

*NOTE: To protect the privacy of the refugee foster care youth, their faces and names may not be photographed, videotaped, or printed. Images of their bodies, or backs of their head, or action shots that cannot be identified (like legs running across the field or kicking the ball) are allowed.*

*There will be Refugee youth present who are over 18, who can be videotaped, interviewed, and photographed, if they consent.*



### **About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County**

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County has worked to strengthen families and build economic self-reliance for the poor and vulnerable in the county for more than 60 years. Each year, more than 500 employees and 1,000 volunteers serve more than 40,000 individuals of all cultures and beliefs through 40+ programs at more than 80 sites. Program areas include behavioral health, youth and family services, economic development, employment, financial education, supportive housing, immigration legal services, in-home and long-term care, older adult services, refugee resettlement, refugee foster care, and more. Catholic Charities is working to reduce poverty with social change goals that target the alleviation, prevention, and reduction of poverty in our communities. Learn more at [www.catholiccharitiesscc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org).

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