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Earthquakes Community Fund Rebrands as Quakes Foundation, Introduces Board of Directors

SAN JOSE, Calif. - The Quakes Foundation, rebranded from the San Jose Earthquakes Community Fund, has introduced a board of directors that will help oversee and implement the Foundation's mission of producing positive change for children and families in the community and promoting unity through sport.

The board of directors is comprised of the following local community members:

Lizeth Aguirre, Senior Director of Marketing, Comcast SportsNet

Allen Baden, Founding Partner, Edge Law Group

Anne Cribbs, Chief Executive Officer, Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee

Laurie Greer, Senior Director, Business Development, Anita Borg Institute for Women in Technology

Ryshiem Henderson, Financial Planner, Mass Mutual and Clash '96 Alumni

Jess Olivares, Vice President, Finance and Administration, San Jose Earthquakes

Karlina Ott, Administrator, Saratoga AYSO Board

Jared Shawlee, Chief Operating Officer, San Jose Earthquakes

Marissa Silver, Community Relations Manager, San Jose Earthquakes

Amy Wender-Hoch, Founder, Wender Weis Foundation for Children

The Quakes Foundation has supported local programs that align with its mission since 2008, focusing on those that have an emphasis on health and fitness. In 2016, it was recognized by the Silicon Valley Business Journal with the Community Impact Award, which honors businesses or organizations that have made exceptional philanthropic contributions, especially in the fields of education, healthcare and the arts.

Most recently, the Quakes Foundation raised \$40,000 for the flood relief efforts in San Jose. The fundraiser received contributions of \$14,830 from the general public, which was matched by the Earthquakes in full. An additional \$10,000 donated by the Oakland Athletics saw the total rise to \$39,660. The Quakes then contributed the final \$340 to bring the total to \$40,000.

The Quakes Foundation also serves the community through continual programs,

including Get Earthquakes Fit, presented by Sutter Health. A five-week program, Get Earthquakes Fit encourages third and fourth graders to step up their physical activity in the classroom and at home. During the 2016 season, the program expanded to 40 schools across the Bay Area, quadrupling the number from the year prior.

Another new addition for the Foundation is the integration of the Gesture platform, which will streamline fundraising campaigns. Fans can learn more at quakes74.gesture.com or by texting QUAKE74 to 52182 to register. For more information about the Quakes Foundation, visit sjearthquakes.com/community.

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