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Cal Magic takes time out for community support

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This spring, California Magic Soccer Club teams participated in community service projects as part of creating Magical Moments on and off the field. Magic maintains that community outreach is an important cornerstone of teaching leadership and responsibility. Haris Obic, the executive director of coaching states, "There is no greater victory than seeing our players make a direct impact in their communities and adding value to the world in their unique ways."

Each of Magic's teams has been encouraged to identify outreach opportunities in the community that feels meaningful and they believe will have an impact on someone's life. Thus far in 2020, the U13 Boys volunteered at St. Mary's Center in Oakland where they prepared and served meals to homeless, at-risk seniors. The U11 Girls partnered with Blue Star Moms and assembled care packages for deployed U.S. soldiers. And, the U12 Girls volunteered at Turning Point in Oakland, a transitional home for homeless women who are supported in reclaiming their independence. The team planned, prepared, and served a meal to the

women onsite. The U13 Girls assisted with food distribution at White Pony Express, a distribution center where high quality food is delivered to over 70 local nonprofits serving those suffering from food shortages or hunger. Other organizations where Magic teams have volunteered include ARF and Contra Costa Food Bank.

Magic aims to educate, inspire, and empower not just on the field, but off as well. Magic is proud of how their players have chosen to represent themselves in the community. Obic adds, "Our players have reflected Magic's ideals with pride as they experience the value of giving back which is especially crucial right now. It is our greatest goal to continue teaching these important values within our club."

California Magic Soccer Club was selected for the 2019 Best of Orinda Award in the Association or Organization category by the Orinda Award Program. To learn more about Magic, it's programs, and upcoming tryouts visit their website: calmagicsc.com.



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