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**Santa Cruz County TOPSoccer Stars Receives \$1,000 CVS Caremark Community Grant**

- **TOPSoccer** (*The Outreach Program for Soccer*) is a national soccer program created to train young people with disabilities in a caring coaching environment.

- DONATION TO TOPSOCCER STARS IS PART OF THE CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITMENT TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

**SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA: TOPSOCCER STARS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT HAS RECEIVED A \$1,000 CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANT.**

TOPSOCCER WAS DESIGNED NOT AS A COMPETITOR TO THE PROGRAMS RUN BY OTHER SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, BUT RATHER AS A COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAM THAT WORKS HAND IN HAND WITH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE CHALLENGER PROGRAM TO EXPAND THE OVERALL TRAINING AND COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. DARYL VON HAUANLTER, SENIOR BOARD MEMBER, IS EXCITED ABOUT HOW THESE FUNDS WILL HELP PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN TO PLAY SOCCER WITH THE MAIN STREAM CHILDREN.

"CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANTS ARE AN EFFECTIVE WAY FOR US TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF COMMUNITIES WHERE WE DO BUSINESS," SAID JENNIFER VEILLEUX, DIRECTOR OF CVS CAREMARK CORPORATION. "WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE WORK THAT TOPSOCCER STARS DOES IN THE COMMUNITY."

THE CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANT TO TOPSOCCER STARS IS PART OF CVS CAREMARK'S COMMITMENT TO ITS COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. TOPSOCCER STARS WAS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A GRANT THROUGH THE CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANTS 2008 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS. GRANTS WERE AWARDED TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHARE A COMMON VISION WITH CVS CAREMARK'S ALL KIDS CAN™ PROGRAM, WHICH STRIVES TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IS TO CREATE MORE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES TO BUILD SELF-ESTEEM, LASTING FRIENDSHIPS AND SOCIAL SKILLS, AND TO HELP CHILDREN WITHOUT DISABILITIES LEARN DIVERSITY AND TOLERANCE.

"CVS CAREMARK IS COMMITTED TO HELPING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES LEARN, PLAY AND SUCCEED IN LIFE," SAID RICK FORD, AREA VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, CVS/PHARMACY. "THROUGH THIS

GRANT, WE ARE PROUD TO BE ABLE TO HELP MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMUNITIES."

**ABOUT TOPSOCCER STARS**

TOPSOCCER STARS IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP, PROMOTE AND ADMINISTER THE GAME OF SOCCER AMONG YOUTHS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (BOYS AND GIRLS 4 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER THAT HAVE EITHER PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CHALLENGES) WITHIN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY. THIS ORGANIZATION IS A 501(C)(3) SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTES & REGULATIONS THEREOF.

[HTTP://WWW.SCCYSL.ORG/STARS.HTML](http://www.sccysl.org/stars.html)

**ABOUT CVS CAREMARK ALL KIDS CAN**

ALL KIDS CAN, A PROGRAM OF THE CVS CAREMARK CHARITABLE TRUST AND CVS CAREMARK, IS A FIVE-YEAR, \$25 MILLION COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. THE GOALS OF ALL KIDS CAN ARE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES BY RAISING AWARENESS IN SCHOOLS AND IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSION, CREATING GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PLAY, AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO MEDICAL REHABILITATION AND RELATED SERVICES. CVS CAREMARK AND ITS MORE THAN 190,000 EMPLOYEES PLAN TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES LEARN, PLAY AND SUCCEED THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LEADING LOCAL AND NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS EASTER SEALS AND MANY OTHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTP://WWW.CVSALLKIDSCAN.COM](http://www.cvsallkidscan.com).