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San Jose Earthquakes visits Kidango Arbuckle's Program

Fremont, CA. (June 23, 2010). Kidango, one of the Bay Area's largest non-profit providers of early care and education, early intervention, mental health services, before and after school programs and family support services in the Bay Area, announced today that it had the honor of having San Jose Earthquakes' midfielder Brad Ring visit the Kidango Arbuckle Center in San Jose on Tuesday, June 22. School-age children from Kidango Arbuckle, Cesar Chavez, Cureton and Linda Vista all came together to get the opportunity to meet Ring. Prior to Ring's arrival, the 150 children participate in outdoor activities in a carnival. Ring's visit is part of the Amway Global *Kicks for Kids* program, which serves the local youth within the local communities and educates young children on how and why it is important to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The Kidango Arbuckle children were very excited to meet a professional soccer player and also learned how to stay healthy and how to be physically active on a daily basis. Ring emphasized to the 150 children who were in attendance how a healthy lifestyle has impacted his life and made a difference for him in his performance when playing at a competitive level.

Based on research, children who receive a healthier diet and are physically active develop stronger cognitive abilities than those who do not. Promoting and encouraging our children to make health a priority and having active lifestyles positively affects their ability to achieve in the future.

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The partnership between the San Jose Earthquakes, Amway Global and Kidango gave children an opportunity to meet a professional soccer player and who encouraged them to believe in themselves and reach for a brighter future.

In addition to meeting Ring and learning about health, the children received free t-shirts, autographed photos and two free tickets. Several children asked Ring to sign their soccer balls, t-shirts and cleats, as many of them play in local soccer teams as well. Kidango appreciates both the San Jose Earthquakes and Amway Global team for making it possible for children to learn, feel cared for, and to be part of a great community.

About Kidango

Kidango began as Tri-Cities Children's Centers in 1979. At inception there were 90 children and families being served at one center in Fremont. As a leader in the education field, Kidango offers a wide variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of children 0-12 years of age and their families. School readiness for preschool children and before and after school programs for school age children are Kidango's priorities. Currently they operate over 38 centers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and are continuously expanding to meet the growing needs of children and their families. Today more than 3,300 children receive quality education and care in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Francisco counties each year.

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