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**LOS ANGELES WORLD CUP 2026 HOST COMMITTEE LAUNCHES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME FIFA WORLD CUP 2026™ EXPERIENCES FOR LOCAL YOUTH**

*New legacy initiative will provide 600 deserving individuals with access to FIFA World Cup 2026™ matches and tickets to the Official FIFA Fan Festival™ Los Angeles*

**LOS ANGELES (June 1, 2026)** – As part of its commitment to creating a lasting community legacy throughout the Los Angeles region, the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee announced a new initiative that will provide 600 individuals — primarily youth from underserved communities across Los Angeles — with unforgettable FIFA World Cup 2026™ experiences.

Through the generosity of local supporters and community partners including Bob Graziano and Wendy Wachtell, Jeanie Buss, the Stephen and Regina Oswald Foundation, the Greg and Patty Penske family and California Resources Corporation, participants selected through the Host Committee’s network of 26 Community Champion organizations will have the opportunity to experience the excitement and inspiration of the world’s largest single-sport event firsthand.

Experiences will include:

- Attending a FIFA World Cup 2026™ match in Los Angeles
- Visiting the Official FIFA Fan Festival™ Los Angeles at the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
- Participating in a special opportunity to play on the stadium pitch following the conclusion of the tournament

The initiative reflects the Host Committee’s belief that FIFA World Cup 2026™ should create meaningful opportunities for communities across the region while ensuring young people from every neighborhood have the chance to participate in this historic global moment.

“FIFA World Cup 2026™ represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to inspire young people across the Los Angeles region,” said **Kathryn Schloessman President & CEO, Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission and CEO, Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee**. “We are incredibly proud to work alongside our supporters and Community Champion organizations to create lifelong memories and ensure the impact of this tournament extends far beyond the matches themselves. We are especially grateful to our ChampionLA partners whose generosity and commitment made this initiative possible, and whose support helps bring this lasting legacy to life across Los Angeles.”

“For many of our neurodivergent youth and their families, attending the FIFA World Cup in Los Angeles would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” said **Krystal Williams, Director of Development for Special**

**Needs Network Inc.** “Opportunities like this create joy, connection, inclusion, and unforgettable memories, while showing our children that they deserve to be part of the same exciting moments and spaces as everyone else.”

The Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee’s Community Champions program includes 26 organizations, a group of local nonprofit organizations that are using soccer to empower, uplift and drive meaningful change throughout the Los Angeles region.

Los Angeles will host eight FIFA World Cup 2026™ matches this summer, including the opening match for the U.S. Men’s National Team, alongside 39 days of fan engagement activities across the region.

For more information on the Host Committee’s community engagement plans, visit [losangelesfwc26.com](https://losangelesfwc26.com).

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### **About the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee**

The Los Angeles World Cup Host Committee was established to deliver a premier FIFA World Cup 2026™ experience and drive lasting social, cultural, and economic impact for the region. We serve as the liaison between FIFA and the Los Angeles region to harness opportunities surrounding the tournament to elevate our community. The Host Committee is co-chaired by LAFC Co-President Larry Freedman and former U.S. Men’s National Team player Chris Klein and is led by the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission (LASEC). It also includes the Los Angeles Rams, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park, Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC), and LA Galaxy. For more information, visit [losangelesfwc26.com](https://losangelesfwc26.com).

