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PRO FOOTBALL PLAYER BRANDIN COOKS ESTABLISHES CHILDREN'S FUND TO ASSIST IN COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORT IN STOCKTON

Stockton, California – Professional football player, Brandin Cooks--wide receiver for the Los Angeles Rams--and his wife Briannon, announced a gift of \$50,000 to establish the Stockton Children's Fund to help mitigate the disruptive impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic experienced by children and youth in the City of Stockton. Brandin Cooks is a Stockton native and a graduate of Lincoln High School.

"There are two options. We either attack this head on and conquer it together or we divide and crumble. I am choosing the first option because in my life, I've never achieved my goals without a little help from others along the way", stated Brandin Cooks. "In the midst of COVID19, I'm reminded of the book of Nehemiah where the only way to rebuild that wall was to stay connected and work together," he added.

"I am grateful to Brandin Cooks, his wife Briannon and The Community Foundation of San Joaquin for establishing the Stockton Children's Fund, which recognizes the immediate needs of our youth during this coronavirus crisis," Said Mayor Michael Tubbs. "The creation of this fund reminds us that together, we will get through these challenging times by looking out for our neighbors."

"We are grateful for Brandin's spirit of generosity and support towards our community during these difficult times," stated Moses Zapien, CEO/President of the Community Foundation of San Joaquin. "Brandin's gift will help alleviate the impacts that children and youth in Stockton, are experiencing right now as a result of school closures."

The Stockton Children's Fund--hosted at the Community Foundation of San Joaquin--will serve as a philanthropic fund that can serve the immediate and longer term needs of children and youth impacted by COVID-19 in the City of Stockton. The Fund's immediate focus will be to help mitigate the disruptive effects caused by food insecurity, lack of available childcare, and school closures.

Additional donations to the Stockton Children's Fund of any size are welcomed. Those wishing to donate can make a secure tax-deductible donation in one of the following ways:

- **Online:** please visit <https://cfosj.org/covid-19-response/>
- **By Check:** donations by check can be made payable to CFOSJ (in memo: Stockton Children's Fund), and mailed to: Community Foundation of San Joaquin, 6735 Herndon Place, Suite B, Stockton, CA 95219
- **By Phone:** using a major credit card, please call (209) 943-2375, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



About Community Foundation of San Joaquin

The Community Foundation of San Joaquin (CFOSJ) is one of the largest public charities in San Joaquin County, stewarding more than \$17 million in assets. CFOSJ serves as the philanthropic partner to individuals, families, nonprofit agencies, and corporations in San Joaquin County. Its mission is to provide leadership, promote a culture of giving, and build resources that address the needs of our community. In 2019, CFOSJ granted out more than \$1.8 million to local, regional and national nonprofit organizations, and has given out more than \$7 million in grants since its founding in 2007.

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