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4ATX FOUNDATION AND AUSTIN FC ANNOUNCE CAPITAL AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (CAYSA) SCHOLARSHIPS

Full and partial youth scholarships will be awarded to CAYSA U7 – U10 participants, empowering young Central Texas soccer talent to continue their development

Austin, TX (July 20, 2020) – 4ATX Foundation, a community impact extension of Austin FC, the 27th Club in Major League Soccer (MLS), has announced that it is partnering with Capital Area Youth Soccer Association (CAYSA), a 501(c)3 non-profit supporting soccer for young people and their communities across Central Texas. 4ATX Foundation will provide multiple full and partial scholarships to CAYSA Junior Academy participants for the 2020-21 season, focusing on young female soccer players and youth players from socio-economically challenged backgrounds.

A minimum of thirty (30) needs-based full scholarships will be awarded to U7 through U10 female soccer players from Austin and Central Texas, as well as additional partial youth scholarships for both boys and girls. 4ATX Foundation will also pay all CAYSA registration costs for U7 through U10 players for the 2020-21 season. The scholarship awards and registration fees represent a total investment of over $45,000 in youth soccer participation expenses, benefiting over 1,500 players.

Parents or guardians of young female players wishing to apply for the Junior Academy scholarship program can do so via this link (English language) or (En español). Parents or guardians of CAYSA club participants in the age brackets U7 through U10 will benefit from the CAYSA club registration fee funding program automatically when they register for CAYSA programs.

“We are proud to support CAYSA and our local soccer community in Austin and throughout Central Texas,” commented Kaitlin Swarts, Executive Director of 4ATX Foundation and VP of Community Engagement for Austin FC. “30 young female players are going to be able to take part in their CAYSA club programs with full funding, and approximately 1,500 youth participants from our region will have their CAYSA registration fees covered for the forthcoming season. By supporting an important local soccer organization that is doing wonderful work in our community, we are executing our mission of growing soccer throughout our region.”
“CAYSA is extremely excited to enter into this partnership,” said David Buckler, CAYSA President. “The generosity of Austin FC and 4ATX Foundation will enable more players to participate in our academy programs while continuing to build a larger soccer community in Central Texas.”

“This CAYSA scholarship and funding program has a direct, positive impact on the growth of soccer in Austin and Central Texas. It provides support to U7 through U10 players, who are at a critical stage of their development,” added Tyson Wahl, Austin FC Academy General Manager. “I believe that this is one of the best ways Austin FC can help grow the game in our region, offering support to clubs through CAYSA, an organization that assists players of all abilities and socioeconomic backgrounds.”

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**About CAYSA**

Capital Area Youth Soccer Association (CAYSA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has been serving the greater-Austin metropolitan area since 1979. CAYSA is a member association of South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA) and a part of US Youth Soccer. CAYSA serves approximately 14,000 youth players annually through recreational and competitive programs.

**About 4ATX Foundation**

4ATX Foundation is the nonprofit arm of Austin FC. Since its launch, 4ATX Foundation has been committed to removing barriers so youth of all ages and backgrounds can access the game and experience the joy of soccer. From building soccer pitches in underserved neighborhoods to running free soccer programming, 4ATX Foundation provides opportunities for children of low-income families to learn and grow together on and off the soccer field. Stay tuned to austinfc.com for more information on the 4ATX Foundation.

**About Austin FC**

Austin FC joined Major League Soccer (MLS) as the 27th club in January 2019 and is the City of Austin’s first major league team. Austin FC will officially begin play in 2021 in a new, 100% privately financed, $260 million, state-of-the-art soccer stadium and public park in Austin. Austin FC operates Austin FC Academy, the fully funded boys development academy, which aims to represent the highest level of competition for elite players in Central Texas. It serves as the feature pathway to MLS for the region’s most talented young players.

Austin FC’s parent company and ownership group is Two Oak Ventures, the entity which manages Austin FC and affiliated assets, including the MLS soccer park and stadium under construction at 10414 McKalla Place in Austin, Texas, and St. David’s Performance Center, the $45 million training facility of the Club and Austin FC Academy, scheduled to open in Spring
2021. St. David’s Performance Center will be located at the Parmer Innovation Center in Northeast Austin.