

## PRESS RELEASE - Team Megaloudis vs. D.C. Knights - May 29th

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Exciting News! We are partnering with StreetSoccerUSA's D.C. Knights to raise awareness about homelessness and continue to 'Make It Happen' in memory of Nicole.

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The Nicole Megaloudis Foundation Teams up with DC Knights Street Soccer Club  
In Charity Match

Washington, DC &ndash; On Saturday, May 29, two charitable organizations will take the field to highlight their causes in a promotional soccer match at RFK Stadium. The Nicole Megaloudis Foundation, devoted to helping students realize their academic dreams, will play against the DC Knights, a program assisting those struggling with homelessness through participation in its soccer club.

&ldquo;Soccer as a model for success in life is something both of our organizations embrace,&rdquo; said Omar Abdul-Baki, program coordinator for the DC Knights. &ldquo;We hope this event will help forge a lasting partnership between our two groups, focusing on the positive impact sports can have on the less fortunate.&rdquo;

"Nicole's life was soccer, but her passion was helping those less fortunate than herself,&rdquo; said Gail Megaloudis-Rongen, of the Nicole Megaloudis Foundation. &ldquo;We are dedicated to helping make dreams come true using soccer as a common denominator. This is an exciting new partnership with endless possibilities ahead.&rdquo;

The match, dubbed the &ldquo;Make It Happen&rdquo; match, will take place at noon on Saturday on the RFK auxiliary field and will be free to attend.

About the Foundation ([www.remembernicole.org](http://www.remembernicole.org)) - The Nicole Megaloudis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to assist students who hope to attend and graduate college. Scholarships are awarded based upon leadership qualities and demonstration of financial need. Our mission is to help students realize their dreams and to allow Nicole's memory to live on. As Nicole used to say... &ldquo;Anything is possible - You just have to find a way to Make It Happen!"

About the Knights ([dcknights.weebly.com](http://dcknights.weebly.com)) - The DC Knights Street Soccer Club is a part of Street Soccer USA (SSUSA), an organization devoted to sports for social change. Research shows that SSUSA reaches more than 20% of the chronically homeless in a given service area, and realizes a 75% success rate in effecting a positive life change with its players, such as addressing a substance abuse problem or mental health issue, securing full-time employment or moving off the street.

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