

The Rich May Field

**An All Purpose Athletic Field
For the Community of East Palo Alto, CA**

**Presented by
The Rich May Foundation**

In Partnership with
**The Ravenswood City School District
The St. Francis of Assisi Church**

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The Dream, The Field, The Promise

The dreams of young athletes, playing soccer, doing what they love best in life. Mom and Dad watching, running and competing alongside teammates, friends and coaches who care. A green field of timelessness, that makes the imagination fly. At day's end all go home tired but exhilarated by tomorrow's promise. "Sometimes all it takes is one ball, and many dreams". We all benefit from these dreams and its promise for our collective future.

It is our obligation to make the dream be; The Rich May Field in East Palo Alto, California.

The Rich May Memorial Athletic Field

The Rich May Memorial Athletic Field (RMMF) is being developed by the Rich May Foundation (www.richmayfoundation.org) in partnership with the Ravenswood City School District (RCSD), and the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church in the mid-town neighborhood in East Palo Alto, California.

The field is named after Officer Rich May who was slain in January of 2006 by a East Palo Alto youth. The RMMF is being developed with the expressed intent to improve the athletic facilities for the youth of the East Palo Alto community.

The project will consist of a 75,000 sq. ft. synthetic turf athletic field, and multi use field building (1,000 sq. ft.) that will provide restrooms, storage capacity and an operations office. The field will be used for soccer, rugby, football, running, volleyball and field hockey.

The land, approximately 108,219 sq. ft. is being donated by the St. Francis of Assisi Church (the Archdiocese of San Francisco) and The Ravenswood City School District. The field will have lights, and will operate seven days a week and fifty weeks per year. Being a synthetic turf it will be used in wet weather as well as dry.

The building contractor, will be Vance Brown Builders of Palo Alto, California (www.vancebrown.com) and the Architect is Samuel Sinnott of Menlo Park, California (www.sinnottandco.com). Once a "Use Permit" and a "Building Permit" have been achieved from the City of East Palo Alto it will take approximately 120 days to construct and complete the project. The total project cost is \$2.2 million.

This project will be the finest athletic facility in East Palo Alto. It will literally be used by thousands of youth and community athletes. In a city of 30,000 residents, where athletic facilities are very much in need this field will be an outstanding improvement for the quality of life for entire the community.

The Rich May Foundation will be the managing partner for the field. It will have responsibility for the operation and the maintenance of the field, and it will be responsible for the costs required. It is anticipated that an endowment of \$750,000 will be raised, to help service the annual operating field costs.

The development (fundraising) team working under the direction of the Rich May Foundations Board is headed by local volunteers, Mike Child, Anne Cribbs, Dana Cappiello, Ronald Sibley, Paul Simko, Jamie Young and Les DeWitt. All have long ties to our Bay Area community.

Your investment (donation) to this project will be one that without question, will directly impact and improve the quality of life for underserved youth and athletes, in a city that is far behind its neighboring communities in regard to similar athletic amenities. The Rich May Field will be an inspiring venue for all, players, coaches, families and spectators.

The return on investment (ROI) will be measured by both the absolute metrics on field usage as well as the more subjective measures of quality of life. In a neighborhood with a long history of violence and gang activity this field, is a dramatic step forward towards a different future. We greatly appreciate and depend upon your support and will dedicate our efforts to making this a great endeavor for all.

Sincerely,

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President, The Rich May Foundation

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Chair of Development Committee

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