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West African Girls’ Soccer Teams Sport Saddleback College Jerseys

Mission Viejo, CA – Nine girls’ soccer teams in Africa are now equipped with Saddleback College jerseys, thanks to a donation made to Sports Gift, a non-profit organization in Dana Point that collects and distributes second-hand sports equipment to underprivileged children around the world to promote participation in athletics.

The Saddleback College jerseys were delivered to Togo, West Africa, where funds are not available for girls’ athletics. The donation helps give the girls their first opportunity to play organized sports.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “Participation in youth team sports helps build important life skills and I am proud that with the help of Sports Gift, Saddleback College’s donation will truly benefit young athletes in West Africa. This donation is also a wonderful way of teaching our students about the importance of community service at the local and global levels.”

Tony Lipold, Dean of the Division of Physical Education/Kinesiology and Athletics, stated, “It is gratifying to know that Saddleback College’s donation will help young girls play organized soccer for the first time, and that we are helping others beyond the boundaries of south Orange County. It’s been a pleasure working with Sports Gift.”

Nancy Best, Collection Leader of Sports Gift, stated, “Sports Gift’s mission is to provide sports to underprivileged children around the world, and we are most appreciative of Saddleback College’s contribution, which will bring such a positive experience to our young female soccer players in West Africa.”

For more information on Sports Gift, please visit http://www.sportsgift.org/.

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College is celebrating its 40th year of providing quality higher education to the south Orange County community. For more information on the college and its programs, please visit www.saddleback.edu.