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Gateway Welcome Project Kicks Off Immigrant Welcome Week With a Big Assist from the St. Louis Construction Industry

*More than \$200,000 Raised to Build
Immigrant/Refugee Student Soccer Field*

Builders Donate Services to Build Field, Shelter and More

**Field Dedication
Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 1 p.m.
Nahed Chapman New American Academy
1530 S. Grand Ave.**

What: The universal language of soccer is now infused in PE programs at **Nahed Chapman New American Academy (NCNAA)**, a **St. Louis Public Schools K-10** facility with 370 students from 27 countries, speaking 18 languages. A new artificial surface soccer field will be dedicated at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016. It was built through a fundraiser by the [Gateway Welcome Project](#) and donated services from the St. Louis construction industry, mobilized by [Construction Forum St. Louis](#). More than \$200,000 was raised to create the field, a custom-designed shelter area and landscaping.

The dedication will be the centerpiece of St. Louis' celebration of "[Welcoming Week](#)," a national event which celebrates the contributions of immigrants to America's history and to its future. The St. Louis celebration is being spearheaded by the [St. Louis Mosaic Project](#).

When: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016. Field dedication and tour opportunities at 1 p.m.
Open house for NCNAA families and public 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. (program at 6 p.m.)

Where: Nahed Chapman New American Academy, 1530 S. Grand Ave. (east side of Grand, between I-44 and St. Louis University Hospital).

Interviews: Students will be playing soccer on the field during both events. Representatives of St. Louis Public Schools officials; two dozen construction industry organizations, the St. Louis Mosaic Project, and the City of St. Louis will be on hand for interviews.