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To all the Magic Families,

In 2005 Magic Soccer began as a skills clinic for four girls and a dream to build a South American soccer program in Springfield. None of us knew that small group would be the starting point of an amazing soccer experience for so many kids over the past 15 years.

Springfield became the home of Magic Soccer, a club that brought the world to our families. Coaches from twenty-eight different countries have invested in our Magic players. Through South American skills, European soccer style, together with family values, respect and discipline we have created a beautiful home. Today thousands of players carry the Magic philosophy in their hearts, passion and skills, and have always been a dominant force on any field they step onto.

The club's priority has always been the kids and families first. We have done our best to bring quality coaches and staff that represent and carry the club values. Today we understand that our hearts, passion and effort can only reach so many kids and families. The soccer club landscape in our community is changing and we need to adapt to the times in order to continue to provide the best soccer development and opportunities to our players. We understand that if we want to continue reaching higher goals we need to join with other organizations that share these common goals and together continue the Magic philosophy.

The team of Magic Soccer Directors, Coaches and Staff are excited to announce that starting in June 2020 we will be joining Southwest MO Rush, the new club in Springfield, MO and surrounding area. SWMO Rush is an affiliate of Rush Soccer (www.rushsoccer.com) and will benefit from all of the coaching instruction, player development, and playing opportunities that come with a prominent national affiliation. We strongly believe that this new organization will better serve the community and surrounding areas by opening new opportunities to increasingly align players with better development, competition, high sportsmanship standards and much more to players at all levels.

To ensure we have Magic leaders representing us during the club transition, Thaylan Johnson and Christie Browne are actively serving on the advisory board of SWMO Rush. Coach Thaylan will also be serving as Technical Director for the new club. We will be able to enhance the Magic culture that you have come accustomed to by adding the structure and support provided

by the "[Rush Way.](#)" Our friends at FC Legacy are also transitioning to SWMO Rush and we look forward to partnering with them to bring a new level of soccer to our area that would have been unattainable by ourselves.

The Magic team believes that this is the best time to take a significant step into the future. We understand that when making this big move, players may feel anxious about their teams. We can assure you that in most cases, the Magic teams will remain the same for the first year and continue working with their current coach. There will be a few exceptions because we will have a bigger pool of players and we understand that some changes will be needed. There are many steps already in motion to make this transition as seamless as possible for all players and parents.

These past 15 years, our club has had an amazing journey where coaches and families believed in important values of life. There is not enough room in this message to name all the amazing people that have contributed to the success of Magic Soccer Club. So no matter if you were with us one season or many seasons we want to thank all the families that have been part of Magic Soccer Club. We appreciate our directors, staff and coaches for all the amazing hard work, dedication, passion and love to teach our soccer philosophy. THANK YOU!!! We are honored to have had each one of you as part of our Magic Family.

We can't wait to see what the future is going to bring in this new journey. Remember the Magic coaches and staff will continue to lead in this new club, and together with other leaders will be reaching so many more goals. As for me, Coach Jonothon, I will continue to bring Magic Soccer summer camps, clinics and coaching development to Springfield so that our soccer style will continue carrying to current and future generations. I hope you all will join me for those events!

If you have any questions about the new club, please feel free to contact me, Thaylan, Christie or your coach. We expect to have more information for everyone soon. Our plan was to have town halls at the beginning of April but unfortunately due to the current pandemic situation those meetings are not currently possible, we are planning on doing conference calls with teams and will communicate soon the times and dates. Hopefully once our activities get back and running we can have live meetings with our club families to address questions as well. In the meantime, please call or email us and know that we will be working on a list of FAQs to get more detailed information out.

We are looking forward to providing an enhanced soccer experience for all youth in our community next season and beyond. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jonothon & Mariana Marquez