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UNAFF & KIDS DAY

Free Admission

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*Screenings to be held at the Mitchell Park Community Center in Palo Alto on
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22*

The eighth annual presentation of the **UNAFF & Kids Program** will take place on **Saturday, October 22nd** continuing the UNAFF mission to promote social change through education for kids 7-12 years old. The day will include films about children in Pakistan studying and at the same time working hard to fulfill their dreams, two Aztec youth fighting for sustainability, and a unique new way Navajo students are learning.

After the screenings, parents and kids are invited to participate in a special event outside the theatre with food and activities focused on the environment and climate change, and live jazz music by local high-school jazz combo, *The Blues By Five*.

THE LEARNING ALLIANCE (Pakistan)

Collecting garbage for earning and paying their fees for school, three brothers are changing their future by studying and at the same time selling garbage in Lahore, Pakistan. The Learning Alliance is a portrait of children with dreams and their struggle towards achieving it. Directed by Muhammad Umar Saeed. 11:15am **FILMMAKER PRESENT**

XIUHTEZCATL & ITZCUAUHTLI: EARTH GUARDIANS (USA)

Two Aztec youth become champions for nature and play a major role in fighting for sustainability. Directed by Josie Swantek and Dave Adams. 11:30am **FILMMAKER PRESENT**

NAVAJO MATH CIRCLES (USA)

Navajo Math Circles follows Navajo students in a lively collaboration with mathematicians. The students stay late after school and assemble over the

summer at Diné College to study mathematics. The math circles approach emphasizes student-centered learning by putting children in charge of exploring mathematics to their own joy and satisfaction. The film reveals the challenges in education on the Navajo Nation. Applications of math in Native culture provide tools for increasing math literacy, highlighting the special connections between Navajo culture, natural beauty, and mathematics. Directed by George Csicsery.
12:00pm *FILMMAKER PRESENT*

For the full program, press material, photos and other details visit www.unaff.org

The award winning UNAFF (the United Nations Association Film Festival) held annually in October at Stanford, Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and San Francisco, now in its 19th year has grown to be one of the oldest and most respected documentary film festivals in the United States. UNAFF was originally conceived to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was founded by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic.

In 2014 the ICFT (International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication of UNESCO) presented the UNESCO Fellini Medal to Jasmina Bojic, Founder and Executive Director of UNAFF, in recognition of her exceptional contribution in promoting the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through the art of documentary film.