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**crowdFunnit To Throw Chris Ramirez a Birthday Party And All Are Invited**

Help us let Chris know he has friends while also bringing awareness against alienation and bullying.

Port St. Lucie, FL: crowdFunnit™, an initiative of the 501(c)3 nonprofit Cherab Foundation, along with the Treasure Coast community is helping to celebrate a life changing birthday party for 13-year-old Chris Ramirez. Chris, who is diagnosed with autism and ADHD, desperately needs to know he has friends. Chris's community birthday party opens the door to all that is good in life; friendship, kindness, and of course, cake! Bullying and alienation are not welcome. All are invited to the birthday festivities which include a special live performance from a surprise *The Voice* contestant, as well as Superheroes, Ghostbusters, a dance troupe, St. Lucie Sheriff's K9 Unit, a professional DJ, face painting, photo booth, bowling, games, and so much more: Sunday, **September 30, 2018**, 1-3pm at SuperplayUSA 1600 NW Courtyard Circle Port St. Lucie, FL. 34986.

"Bullying has left a mark on Chris's soul," says his mom, Mary Ramirez. "There were almost half a dozen confirmed cases of bullying towards Chris at school last year alone, and as a result, he suffers bouts of anxiety and depression that others hate him. He is afraid to leave our house." Up until 2nd grade, Chris was outgoing and reveled in making others laugh. By 4th grade he was teased constantly for being different. Teasing turned into bullying and physical altercations with peers, classmates invading his privacy even in the bathroom, causing Chris to completely shut down. "He needs to know that he is worthy of having friends and that he is not alone," said Mary. For the past seven years, Chris has celebrated his birthday only with family. "We spent hundreds of dollars on his parties," said Mary. "Chris waited and waited, and nobody came."

Attending a crowdFunnit birthday party for William Morales last summer gave Chris the encouragement he needed to talk to his parents about having his own. As the guest of honor, Chris, along with crowdFunnit and the Ramirez family welcome the whole community to join him and celebrate all those individuals and families out there who feel the same alienation. Come out and join the fun, share some cake and make a few new friends. "I just want Chris and children like him to enjoy life and all the wonderful things it offers. Please help me and other moms like me find a happy world for our children to live in," Mary said.

That's exactly the foundation of the crowdFunnit community party says founder Lisa Geng. "We are dedicated to improving the lives of those who are bullied and alienated, fostering acceptance, compassion and friendship through open-invite birthday parties, community awareness and common kindness," she added. "Please consider a donation to the Cherab Foundation as we begin to build our program with a committed goal to bring our birthday party initiative to every state in the U.S."

And we don't want to forget the birthday cards. We have firsthand knowledge that Chris loves receiving mail! In past years, he's received just a few cards from family. This year help us show Chris he's loved by so many by upping that number to a few hundred. The Cherab Foundation has partnered with CardFool, a personalized online greeting card site. "Our design team created a variety of custom birthday cards that can be personalized online and sent directly to Chris's home," said Grant Leslie, CardFool CoFounder Digital Director and former elementary school teacher. "At CardFool, our goal is to allow people to stay connected, even if they are thousands of miles apart. Our exclusive designs and customizable features enable our customers to create their own greetings that make for a one-of-a-kind card and design. All net proceeds will be donated to the Cherab Foundation."

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[www.gofundme.com/crowdfunnit-chris-ramirez](http://www.gofundme.com/crowdfunnit-chris-ramirez)

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CrowdFunnit, a project of the 501(c)3 Cherab Foundation, hosts HUGE Community Birthday Parties for friendless kids across the country. Featured in local and national news, we proactively fight bullying by bringing together like-minded people, raising awareness about differences and fostering acceptance and compassion. Volunteer-based since 2000, the Cherab Foundation is focused on helping children with neurological and genetic communication impairments such as autism and apraxia. Donations are tax-deductible. Federal tax ID number is 22-3685234