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### **crowdFunnit Helps Chris Ramirez Share Birthday With Community**

100s Plan to attend young autistic boy's community birthday party to bring awareness against alienation and bullying

Port St Lucie, FL: crowdFunnit™ is grateful for the numerous, generous organizations from as far away as Kansas helping celebrate a life changing birthday party for 13-year-old Chris Ramirez. Chris who is autistic suffers from bouts of depression and anxiety due to bullying and desperately needs to know he has friends. Thanks to all the community support, crowdFunnit is hosting a special, community birthday party in Chris's honor, to bring an end to bullying and alienation while celebrating all that is good in life; friendship, kindness, and of course, cake! All are invited to the festivities to celebrate Chris's 14th birthday which will include a special live appearance by National Recording Artist JessLee who was recently Team Blake on *The Voice!*, as well as appearances from Superheroes, Ghostbusters, a dance troupe, St. Lucie Sheriff's K9 Unit, the St Lucie Mets Mascot, along with bowling, games, a professional DJ, face painting, green screen dress-up photo booth and so much more to take place: Sunday, August 20th, 2017, 1-3 PM at SuperPlayUSA 1600 NW Courtyard Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34986

"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." What starts as teasing has turned into bullying and physical altercations with peers, classmates invading his privacy even in the bathroom, causing Chris to completely shut down. 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."

Pre-event local and national media coverage has already resulted in positive change and currently there are 200+ people who have RSVPed for free tickets to ensure a spot in the day's festivities. Chris will be making a surprise grand entrance thanks to a collaboration between the Ghostbusters in their Ecto1 and various superheroes who will be picking up William and his family and arriving at Superplay USA in style with plans to recreate a famous scene from the movie Ghostbusters.

And we don't want to forget the birthday cards. We have firsthand knowledge that Chris loves receiving mail! 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 so people can easily send him a birthday card. It's a real snail mail card that you can personalize and CardFool will send right to Chris's mailbox. Chris gets the card, our parent organization, The Cherab Foundation, gets a few bucks which will, in turn, allow us to help even more children, and you get a star for simply being so cool.

Cherab Foundation, an all-volunteer organization since 2000, is only successful thanks to the generosity of so many individuals and organizations offering donations of money, time, services and products "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 being a donor or sponsor 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." The Ramirez family's hope for Chris's upcoming 13th birthday is simple: For people to attend and bring children, to show that people do care, that there are people out there who are compassionate, and that not everyone is a bully. "He needs to know that he is worthy of having friends and that he is not alone," said Mary, Chris's mom.

**September 30, 2018**, 1-3pm at SuperplayUSA 1600 NW Courtyard Circle Port St. Lucie, FL. 34986

[www.cherabfoundation.org/2018/chris](http://www.cherabfoundation.org/2018/chris)

[www.cardfool.com/t/cards-for-chris](http://www.cardfool.com/t/cards-for-chris)

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

[www.cherab-chris.eventbrite.com](http://www.cherab-chris.eventbrite.com)

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