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**crowdFunnit Helps Josie Eugenie Share Birthday With Community**

Young autistic female to throw a birthday party to bring awareness against alienation and bullying.

Portland, OR: Working with [crowdFunnit™](#) Josie Eugenie plans to “Ring” in an end to alienation and bullying, making her upcoming birthday a community celebration. Festivities take place Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, **12 to 2 PM** at Oaks Amusement Park, 7805 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, OR 97202.

As an honored guest you are invited to show up in your favorite *Lord of the Rings* attire if you so choose. There is no admission cost to attend the party, however, discounted deluxe ride bracelets will be available to all attendees for \$10, providing unlimited midway rides from 12PM - 7 PM, and a roller skating session with conventional skates. Celebrate Josie’s birthday and stay as long as you want to enjoy Oaks Amusement Park!

Josie was nominated to crowdFunnit by Laura Wolfenson, a RISE Family Services Coordinator. crowdFunnit, an initiative of the 501(c)3 nonprofit Cherab Foundation, is dedicated to improving the lives of those who are bullied and alienated, fostering acceptance, compassion and friendship through open-invite birthday parties. Born with a rare progressive connective tissues disorder called Ehlers Danlos syndrome, Josie also has autism. However the only thing on her mind right now is her upcoming birthday party. “Being Autistic I've always had difficulty making and keeping friends. I can't help but feel disappointed when everybody my age goes out with friends or has a big party. It makes me feel like I'm not really worth getting to know,” Josie said.

Proceeding her party, Josie and two support workers were front and center at Cavalia on August 25<sup>th</sup>, having been gifted three tickets by the show itself. This was undoubtedly one of the highlights of Josie’s life, a dream come true.

Josie, the folks at RISE, and the crowdFunnit team look forward to hosting you, extending the invitation to like-minded, kindhearted individuals to come out for a day of fun, food, friendship, rides, and of course, a Lord of the Rings themed costume birthday party. At Josie’s request there will be a quiet sensory area away from the excitement, for those who may get overwhelmed or who just need a quiet space.

As one who is more comfortable offering help than taking it, Josie’s remarkable nature and big heart will leave an impression on you because she represents what’s good in our world.

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<http://crowdfunnit.org/2016/08/05/josie-eugenies-birthday-invitation>

<https://www.gofundme.com/JosieEugenieParty>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/117102352071413>

crowdFunnit Crowd-Sources Special Events For Special Kids: crowdFunnit, a project of the 501(c)3 nonprofit Cherab Foundation, was created to bring people together, raising awareness about differences while fostering acceptance and compassion. Helping a friendless child celebrate a birthday is just an incredible mechanism in which to help make this happen. The party itself and any media attention it brings will help fight bullying at the root while the community connections will exist long after the party ends.