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Lend a Hand, Make a Difference: PGA Tour Winner & Irish Pub partnering to Stop Bullying

Changing the lives of 50,000 local middle schoolers

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA: A local Jacksonville restaurant is partnering with a nonprofit focused on reducing bullying in middle schools throughout the First Coast. Culhane's Irish Pub, a family-owned and operated restaurant, is joining the *Stop the Bullying Campaign*, a pillar of the Len Mattiace Foundation to combat bullying in more than 50 middle schools that impacts approximately 50,000 students. Through this campaign's initiatives, students' complete projects that contain themes of kindness, compassion, and inclusion geared towards improving the community. The top identified middle school winners are awarded thousands of dollars from Clay, Duval, and St. Johns counties.

According to StopBullying.gov, a co-led committee overseen by the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services stated about 20% of students ages 12-18 experienced bullying nationwide. Federal partners in the Bullying Prevention Steering Committee explained cyberbullying is on the rise. The *Stop the Bullying Campaign* is now in its fifth year, growing in North Florida, which is due to the collaboration of partnerships, companies, and community members all helping the Len Mattiace Foundation.

"Every student in our community deserves the best environment to learn in schools and grow throughout their formative years. Bullying is prevalent more than ever, and at the Len Mattiace Foundation, we are working to diminish it," said Len Mattiace, two-time PGA Tour Golf winner.

From Saturday, July 1st to Friday, November 3rd, Culhane's Irish Pub, and the Len Mattiace Foundation have monthly endeavors to raise money in the community and build awareness about the effects of bullying. There are five in-person events through this partnership that the community can participate in: a [50/50 raffle](#), a Len Mattiace Tour Golf Experience, and a Culhane's Irish Pub Golf Classic at Glen Kernan Golf and Country Club. The Golf Classic is a unique 9-hole golf event that combines all-star juniors with adult golfers to help build strong interpersonal skills to help in the development of student leaders. Additionally, Culhane's Irish Pub offers customers an option to round up their tab in October to support National Bullying Prevention Month to continue the *Stop the Bullying Campaign* efforts.

"The Culhane family is very proud of their partnership with the Len Mattiace Foundation, *Stop the Bullying Campaign*. It brings awareness, empathy, and connection; we need this foundation more than ever to educate our kids about bullying. The Culhane sisters are all mothers with first-hand experience with bullying and how it can lead to depression and suicide. Bullying is a silent pandemic, and we hope to stop anyone from suffering in silence and instead promote kindness. Our 2 restaurants and 5 Sisters' Spirit Vodka brand continues to share real connections within our community here and abroad," stated Mary Jane Culhane, one of the Culhane's Irish Pub owners.

The fifth and final event, the Len Mattiace Foundation Celebration at Culhane's Irish Pub is the culmination of all the work relating to this partnership to reduce bullying in North Florida. This event will highlight top students' projects displaying their service-oriented entries. At this event, there will be food, beverages, and sponsorships available to culminate the 5-month fundraising efforts and awareness.

For on-site interviews and b-roll opportunities, you'll find a list of the upcoming five events below with specific details. If attending, please contact Andrea Ramirez either at (904)-646-8765 or AndreaRamirezfl@gmail.com

Interactive Events for Media Personnel:

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| <p>50/50 Raffle Social Celebration <i>Date:</i> Monday, July 31st <i>Time:</i> 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Culhane’s Irish Pub Southside location; 9720 Deer Lake Court Jacksonville, FL 32246</p> | <p>Len Mattiace Tour Golf Experience Winner <i>Date:</i> Friday, Sept. 1st <i>Time:</i> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Culhane’s Irish Pub Southside location; 9720 Deer Lake Court Jacksonville, FL 32246</p> |
| <p>Culhane’s Irish Pub Golf Classic <i>Date:</i> Sunday, Sept. 10th <i>Time:</i> 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Golf) 5:30 p.m. – (Reception & Awards)</p> <p><i>Location:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:30 - Golf Glen Kernan Golf and Country Club • 5:30 - Culhane’s Irish Pub Southside location; 9720 Deer Lake Court Jacksonville, FL 32246 | <p>Culhane’s Irish Pub Customer Tab Round Up <i>Date:</i> Sunday, Oct. 1st – Tuesday, Oct. 31st</p> <p><i>Locations:</i> Culhane’s Irish Pub (2 restaurants) Southside location; 9720 Deer Lake Court, Jacksonville, FL 32246</p> <p>Atlantic Beach; 967 Atlantic Blvd. Atlantic Beach, FL 32223</p> |
| <p>Len Mattiace Foundation Celebration at Culhane’s Irish Pub <i>*Top winning students on-site; sponsorship, dignitaries</i></p> <p><i>Date:</i> Friday, November 3rd <i>Time:</i> 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Culhane’s Irish Pub, Southside location 9720 Deer Lake Court Jacksonville, FL 32246</p> | |

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About Len Mattiace Foundation:

The [Len Mattiace Foundation](#) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization centered around a common theme in Northeast Florida: the well-being, growth, and safety of our kids in our community. Through the game of Golf and a *Stop the Bullying Campaign* we are able to positively affect thousands of kids close to home.

About Culhane's Irish Pub:

[Culhane's Irish Pub & Restaurant](#) is a modern sports pub specializing in "Comfort Food with an Attitude." These restaurants offer savory and authentic Irish specialties plus excellent service, bringing this family-owned company to be recently awarded the 'The Top 10% Worldwide Restaurants by Travelers Choice!' In 2023 and 2010, Culhane's was featured on Guy Fierie's Food Network, "Diners, Drive-In's and Dives." In the spirit of serving our community, Culhane's Irish Pub motto is focused on investing in the Jacksonville community, so the owners give back by lending a hand to support [worthy causes](#).