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## **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CSJPA STUDENT RESILIENCY GOLF TOURNAMENT October 9, 2017**

***California Schools Joint Powers Authorities Hosts Annual Golf Tournament to raise money for bullying prevention and building resilient students***

**Inland Empire, CA** – Students are our future, but recent statistics have shown that over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year. Bullying is a growing cultural problem and California Schools JPA (CSJPA) is on track to work with as many schools as possible to reduce the rising incidents associated with bullying behavior. Consequences of bullying range from poor performance in school and poor self-esteem to the extreme of suicide. Nearly 12 years ago, one of the CSJPA team lost her 12 year old granddaughter to suicide after she had been severely bullied in school. From that dark time, the Student Resiliency Golf Tournament was born.

In addition to preventing bullying, CSJPA is working to build stronger, more confident students who will be less susceptible to the consequences of bullying. We have partnered with Safe School Ambassadors and Blanchard Institute to create need-specific programs to develop strength based cultures in schools; cultures where everyone's capacity is identified and nurtured toward positive change. Join us on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the Canyon Crest Country Club in Riverside, for a great time on the green and to help make a lasting difference in students' lives.

All proceeds from the Student Resiliency Golf Tournament go directly to bullying prevention and student resiliency programs. One of the two programs being supported is the Safe Schools Ambassador program offered through Community Matters that harnesses the power of students to prevent and stop bullying and violence. This field-tested model has equipped over 60,000 students across the nation with the conflict negotiation and intervention skills to prevent and stop bullying

during and outside of school. The second program is a partnership between the Blanchard Institute and Meritcore, who offer a transformative experience that identifies students with poor resiliency and invites students, families, and school staff to master ways of perceiving each individual as “at potential” rather than “at risk” which has led to increased attendance and improved grades while lowering bullying and vandalism.

Help CSJPA impact the lives of thousands of students by attending or sponsoring the Tournament on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the Canyon Crest Country Club in Riverside. Register to golf or donate at <http://csjpa.org/golf2017>. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome and, of course, tax-deductible donations are always appreciated!

The Tournament also features prizes, meals and exceptional giveaways including a chance to win one of two new cars with a hole-in-one! Golf check-in and contests start at 9:30 am. The tournament tees off at 11:00 am with fun and food throughout the day and an awards dinner to follow. For more details, call Melissa Hernandez at (909) 763-4900 or email [mhernandez@csjpa.org](mailto:mhernandez@csjpa.org).