

Help strike out bullying during afternoon of bowling



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Aim for the pins as guests come together to end bullying.

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The organization's goal is to raise \$15,000 and fund scholarships for high school students to attend its Peace Ambassador Leadership Summit (PALS).

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PALS, sponsored by **Florida International University's** Honor's College, provides youth in South Florida with a personal growth experience. They emerge as leaders following presentations that target proven bullying, self-harm and suicide prevention techniques, life skills, leadership and personal development, team building, peer mediation and conflict resolution skills.

"My favorite part this year is going to be Career Day," said Hannah Ortega, a junior staff leader at PALS. "This summer I'll be looking for jobs, and next school year I start the college process. It's all happening so fast, and I like being able to talk to adults in different fields so I know what to expect. I've been with NVEEE for four years now, and every year PALS gets better and even more impactful for me."

AAJ Technologies has partnered with National Voices for the event.

"I know how important it is for young people to build confidence and learn basic but necessary skills such as a good handshake, making eye contact and giving their elevator pitch," said Amjad Shamim, CEO and managing partner at AAJ Technologies. "We are happy to not only donate but also invite the PALS junior staff leaders to put what they learned at the training into action by shadowing our executive leaders and participating in our Digital Transformation event this month."

To participate in Strike Out Bullying, register at www.crowdrise.com/palsstrikeoutbullying, or make a donation at www.nveee.org/donate.

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