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Casey Weston Performs Free Concert to Benefit Local Anti-Bullying Campaign

Foodie Naples and Tacos & Tequila Cantina join forces to present a night of great entertainment, fantastic food and cold drinks while raising local social awareness about bullying

Naples, FL (September 8th, 2014) – Foodie Naples and Tacos & Tequila Cantina are partnering to bring performing star Casey Weston to Southwest Florida for another exceptional event. Weston, who wowed millions with her performance on NBC’s The Voice, packed the venue during her last performance. Saturday’s event will focus on raising money to benefit an anti-bullying campaign for Collier County kids and raise awareness about this major concern in schools locally and across the nation.

Bullying happens everywhere and can lead to serious self-esteem issues and emotional scarring. According to reports by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS), **one in three U.S. students say they have been bullied at school**. The National Crime Victimization Survey of the 2011 school year found that 27.8% of students (ages 12-18) reported being bullied at school, while 9% reported being cyber-bullied anywhere (NCES, 2013).

“By increasing awareness about bullying in our schools, we can impact the lives of hundreds of children in Collier County,” stated Justine Stoddard Andollo, organizer of the upcoming anti-bullying conference Every Step of the Way. “Even school-based bullying prevention programs can decrease bullying by up to 25%.”

Casey Weston will perform **Saturday, September 13th at 9pm in Tacos and Tequila Cantina on Davis Boulevard**. The concert is **free** although donations are encouraged. **Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle** will take place during the event. For those who want to make this evening extremely special, VIP tables have been made available via silent auction. All proceeds will benefit anti-bullying campaigns for children in Collier County. Visit the Foodie Naples website (<http://bit.ly/caseyweston>) for full details.

“**Can’t remember when I had so much fun on stage**,” stated Casey Weston after her July 2014 performance at Tacos & Tequila Cantina. “For me this was one of those performances where the show was not limited to the stage. Everyone at Tacos & Tequila Cantina was great!”

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“We are really excited to be a part of this event, working with a great team of individuals to bring this concert to Naples,” said Tiffany Muehlbauer, co-founder of FoodieNaples.com. “Casey is an inspiration for many young women and Naples residents. And with so many children and even adults targeted by bullying every day, both online and offline, this event could not come at a better time. ”

For more information about **Every Step of the Way**, the upcoming anti-bullying conference happening later this year in Naples, FL, please visit www.strongmotherdaughter.com.

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