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## **North Metro Firefighters, The Exchange Tavern and Kahuna Ventures are shaving their heads to benefit childhood cancer research**

**Broomfield/Northglenn, CO**— North Metro Fire Rescue District, The Exchange Tavern and Kahuna Ventures are teaming up for the St. Baldrick’s Shave for a Cure event on Saturday, March 11, in Westminster. Firefighters and community members alike will shave their heads in solidarity while raising money for childhood cancer research through St. Baldrick’s Foundation.

The head-shaving event will be hosted at The Exchange Tavern (11940 Bradburn Blvd.) from 1 to 4 p.m., and there will be a full lineup of family-friendly entertainment. From Irish-themed music and dancing to face painting and fire engine tours—there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The local Shave for a Cure event originated from the efforts of several North Metro firefighters and the Local 2203 firefighters union. After attending head-shaving events in Denver for several years, the group decided to organize an event in the north area and invite other fire departments and local residents to participate.

“Through St. Baldrick’s, I’ve been able to meet several young patients and their families, and it puts a lot of meaning behind the work we do to raise money for childhood cancer research,” said North Metro firefighter and event organizer Caleb Larson. “We need funding to develop less invasive treatments that don’t just help kids survive, but that ensure they can thrive into adulthood,” he said.

“This is our fourth year to partner with North Metro Fire and host the event at The Exchange Tavern. After the initial event, we were so moved by the experience and the community’s support, we couldn’t wait to plan the next one,” said Teddi Davis, owner of The Exchange Tavern. “We are making this more than just a haircut. We want the community to come together for a common cause and help make a difference for kids and families facing cancer.”

This year will mark the first time for Kahuna, a midstream oil and natural gas engineering, design and project execution company, to serve as a sponsor of the event. The Westminster company established the Kahuna for Kids St. Baldrick’s Team to raise money for the charity foundation and has organized several company events to help reach their fundraising goal.

“Giving back to the community is important to Kahuna. We believe our people are our greatest natural resource and want to support the causes our employees are truly passionate about,” said Ashlie Rowley,

spokesperson for Kahuna. “Through our charitable giving program, Kahuna Kares, we formed a head-shaving team of Kahuna employees with hope our efforts will assist St. Baldrick’s in finding a cure for childhood cancer.”

Everyone is invited to stop by The Exchange Tavern on March 11 and shave their head, cheer on another shavee or simply donate to the cancer foundation. Since its inception, the north area event has raised more than \$55,000 for St. Baldrick’s Foundation. This year, the event organizers have increased their goal and hope to raise \$40,000.

Anyone wishing to sign up for the St. Baldrick’s Shave for a Cure at The Exchange Tavern or donate to the cause should visit <http://bit.ly/shaveforacure2017>.

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**North Metro Fire Rescue District**

North Metro Fire Rescue District is dedicated to providing quality service to its residents through fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, specialized rescue, and fire prevention and education. Formed in 1946, North Metro Fire now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 117,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Adams, Boulder Jefferson and Weld Counties.