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**Halloween doesn't need to be a scary time for kids with Eosinophilic diseases!**

*Tarpon Springs Police Department is launches a 'Thriller' video challenge to spread awareness and promote inclusiveness throughout the Halloween season.*

**TARPON SPRINGS, FL.** – The Tarpon Springs Police Department produced a Halloween 'Thriller' dance video [watch the creative video] to challenge other law enforcement organizations from around the U.S to help raise money and awareness in support of patients with Eosinophilic Diseases.

Halloween is supposed to be a fun time for children, but for children with Eosinophilic diseases it can be a dangerous time because of the risks associated with eating Halloween candy and often feel left out. Children with Eosinophilic diseases react to food and environmental allergens, which in turn prompt their bodies to produce a mass influx of white blood cells called Eosinophils which cause serious inflammation in different areas and organs of the body. Many children with Eosinophilic disease are unable to ingest food orally. Can you imagine life without food?

The Tarpon Spring Police Department decided to make a video to kick-off a fundraiser and awareness drive in support of children with Eosinophilic disease, and to make Halloween a fun and inclusive holiday for all children. Money raised will go to the Cured Foundation, a non-profit organization which operates nationally to raise funds in support of research to find a cure for Eosinophilic diseases.

The fundraiser and awareness video supports the Teal Pumpkin Project. The Teal Pumpkin Project raises awareness and promotes inclusion of all trick-or-treaters throughout the Halloween season by promoting the use of "treats" other than food.

**About the CURED Foundation**

CURED NFP is a not for profit foundation dedicated to those suffering from Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases (EGID), including eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE), eosinophilic gastritis (EG), eosinophilic colitis (EC) and other eosinophilic disorders. The foundation, founded in 2003, advocates on behalf of EGID patients and their families and works to increase awareness about this complex group of diseases. Since 2003 CURED has donated over \$4 million dollars to aid in EGID research. It is our heartfelt belief that CURED can make a difference in the lives of the individuals and families touched by these diseases. For more information the CURED Foundation and Eosinophilic disease, please visit: [www.curedfoundation.org](http://www.curedfoundation.org)

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