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**MONKEYPOD KITCHEN AT KO 'OLINA STATION TO HOST
BENEFIT FOR ELS FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION**

***Event to Kick Off Els for Autism Golf Challenge on July 18 ***

'EWA BEACH, HAWAI'I (July X, 2013) – Monkeypod Kitchen by Merriman at Ko 'Olina Station will host a benefit for the Els for Autism Foundation from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17. The benefit will include rare sports championship memorabilia for sale, food and drinks, live music and giveaways. A percentage of food sales will be donated to the Els for Autism Foundation, whose mission is to fund worldwide programming aimed at understanding and treating autism.

The benefit coincides with first day of the 2013 British Open, in which Ernie Els is competing, and comes just a day before the Els for Autism Golf Challenge at the Hoakalei Country Club in 'Ewa Beach on July 18. The Els for Autism Golf Challenge is the largest charity-driven, national golf series in the United States, and Hoakalei Country Club will stage one of the 20+ Super Regional events on its Els design signature golf course, which was named the Best Golf Course in the United States and Americas by The Americas Property Awards in 2010 in association with Bloomberg Television.

Funds raised through the Monkeypod benefit event and Els for Autism Golf Challenge will be used to develop the Els GameON Autism Youth Golf Clinics on O'ahu and to support the creation of the Els Center of Excellence. The Center will not only be a state-of-the-art school for children on the autism spectrum ages 3-21, but it will also be a hub for Els for Autism's worldwide operations, enabling the Foundation make a difference to thousands of families with children on the spectrum across the U.S and beyond.

For more information about the Els Golf Challenge, call [\(808\) 853-4343](tel:(808)853-4343). To register, visit Hoakalei Golf Club's pro shop or online at www.e4aGolf.com. Entry fees are \$400 per player. For more

information about the Monkepod Kitchen benefit event, call [\(808\) 380-4086](tel:8083804086).

About The Els for Autism Foundation

The Foundation was established in 2009 by Liezl and Ernie Els shortly after their son Ben was diagnosed with autism. The Foundation has since embarked on a catalytic project – the establishment of a state-of-the-art Center of Excellence with local, national and global reach. Els for Autism is a US 501(c)(3) public charity (EIN #26-3520396). For more information, visit www.elsforautism.com.

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