

# Montcalm Prevention Collaborative hosts third successful Compassion Cures event

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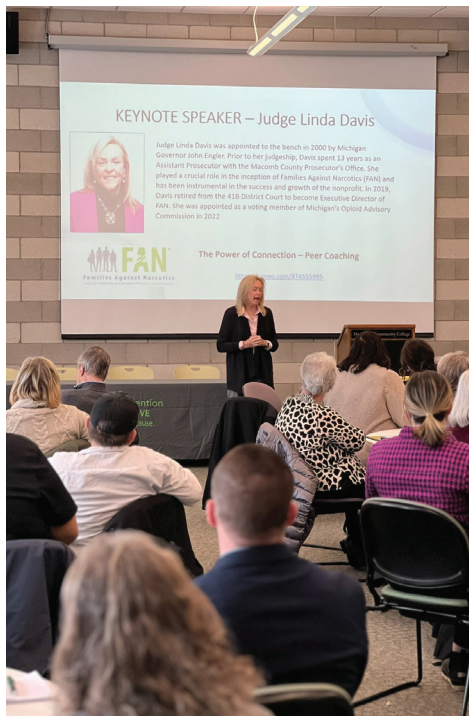
**BELDING** — The Montcalm Prevention Collaborative (MPC) proudly hosted its third Compassion Cures event, a pivotal initiative aimed at combatting stigma and fostering compassion within our community.

Held on Feb. 16, the event featured keynote speaker Judge Linda Davis, whose personal journey epitomizes the transformative power of overcoming stigma and embracing compassion.

Davis, renowned for her crucial role in the inception of Families Against Narcotics (FAN), shared her inspirational story of personal growth and resilience. As the former executive director of FAN and retired judge from the 41B District Court, Davis's insights illuminated the path towards greater empathy and understanding.

Accompanying Davis were esteemed panelists representing diverse community organizations. Jan Wheelock from The Gathering Place, Dana Bedore Phillips from Safe and Sacred, Norice Rasmussen and Wendy Baty from the Education Foundation of Greenville, and Pastor Jason Dillingham from Table Faith Community contributed invaluable perspectives on fostering compassion within our society.

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**Judge Linda Davis, renowned for her crucial role in the inception of Families Against Narcotics (FAN), shared her inspirational story of personal growth and resilience during the Montcalm Prevention Collaborative's Compassion Cures event on Feb. 16.** — Submitted photo

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event provided a platform for open dialogue and collaboration. Attendees enjoyed a catered breakfast from Candlestone's Water Tower Grille before engaging in thought-provoking discussions led by Davis and the panelists. Topics ranged from identifying areas of compassion excellence to addressing barriers and brainstorming innovative solutions.

A highlight of the event was the interactive table discussions where attendees from various organizations shared insights, ideas, and strategies for promoting compassion within our communities. The overwhelming response to a post-event satisfaction survey underscores the demand for continued collaboration and dialogue. Attendees expressed a strong desire for future events, indicating a collective enthusiasm for nurturing compassion within our community.

MPC extends its gratitude to all sponsors, speakers, panelists, and attendees for their invaluable contributions to making the third Compassion Cures event a resounding success. Together, we are building a more compassionate and inclusive community.

For more information about Montcalm Prevention Collaborative and future events, visit [MontcalmPrevention.org](http://MontcalmPrevention.org) or email [coordinator@montcalmprevention.org](mailto:coordinator@montcalmprevention.org).