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## **Montcalm Prevention Collaborative's Pre-Prom Initiative: Promoting Safety and Inclusivity**

Montcalm County, Michigan-

Montcalm Prevention Collaborative proudly presents the Pre-Prom initiative, a strategic intervention aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of high school students during prom season. Now in its third year at Greenville High School and inaugurating at Lakeview and Tri County, this initiative marks a significant step towards mitigating the risks associated with substance misuse on one of the most celebrated nights in a student's life.

The Pre-Prom initiative offers an unparalleled experience to participating students, providing them with chartered bus transportation, prom tickets, catered buffet dinners, and professional photos- all at no cost. This generosity is made possible through the support of the Meijer Children's Healthcare Fund, exemplifying a community-wide commitment to the welfare of its youth.

This year's participation numbers underscore the program's impact: 80 students from Greenville, 20 from Lakeview, and 40 from Tri County embraced the opportunity to celebrate safely and responsibly. Each school embarked on its own gastronomic journey, with Greenville dining at Frugthaven before prom at DeVos Place, Tri County enjoying Noto's Old World Italian Dining before their prom at the Waddell Center, and Lakeview relishing St. Ives before their prom at Tullymore.

Beyond the lavish accommodations and culinary delights, the essence of the Pre-Prom initiative lies in its commitment to accessibility. Bethany Buitenwerf, a junior from Tri County, aptly captures the sentiment: "It was such a fun experience for me and my friends, and we were so thankful it did not cost us anything on what otherwise would've been an expensive night." By removing financial barriers, the initiative ensures that every student has the opportunity to participate in the magic of prom night, regardless of their circumstances.

As the festivities come to a close, the success of the Pre-Prom initiative serves as a testament to the power of community collaboration in promoting safety and inclusivity. However, sustaining programs of this nature requires ongoing support from the community. We urge readers to consider donating to Montcalm Prevention Collaborative via our website, [MontcalmPrevention.org](http://MontcalmPrevention.org), thereby enabling us to continue efforts that safeguard the well-being of our youth and foster a culture of responsibility and celebration.

In conclusion, Montcalm Prevention Collaborative's Pre-Prom initiative not only provides a shield against the dangers of substance misuse but also embodies the spirit of unity and empowerment. As we look towards the future, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to nurturing environments where our youth can thrive and flourish.

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GHS students at Frugthaven before eating Winter Inn catered buffet dinner.



TCHS students at their prom and LHS students before they board the chartered bus to Pre-Prom dinner.