

### MEDIATION CELEBRATION



Pictured from left to right: Robyn Rakoniewski, Lindsey Bur & Corrina Bergeon

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, Northern Community Mediation held its fundraiser *Mediation Celebration* in the Community Center at the fairgrounds in Petoskey, Michigan. There was food to eat: macaroni and cheese with barbecued pulled pork from Rusty Saw North, jambalaya from City Park Grill, chicken wings from Buffalo Wild Wings, sushi from Meijer, pizza from BC Pizza plus ice cream from Snickerdoodlz coupled with adult beverages. The dance floor was packed with people dancing to the music of Easy Picks and Levitator.

The best group costume went to the staff from Dentistry by the Bay, and the winner of the individual best costume was bestowed upon Robyn Rakoniewski. Throughout the evening, the party goers had the opportunity to win bundles of gift cards from stores, restaurants and various establishments throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties, which begs the question "Where did the gift cards come from?"

Chairperson of the event Jenny Brower explained, "A mere \$20.00 gift certificate was all it took to gain entrance into *Mediation Celebration*." She continued, "What is really exciting about this idea is the fact that over \$3,500 in gift cards from over 50 establishments was put into the community so that people could come to the party. And, it is those gift certificates that created the bundles for the raffle prizes."

As Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar stated, "This was a win-win for everyone. Be on the lookout for *Mediation Celebration* in 2024."

### USELESS FACT

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."