Northern Community Mediation
Where The Solution Is Up To You

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Mediation Celebration Fundraiser

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."

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate the process so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured from left to right: Robyn Rakoniewski and Lindsey Bur