

Project Graduation Supporter,

We would like to tell you about Project Graduation and why we are requesting funding. Project Graduation is held at Mid-America on Watterson Trail the night of graduation. It provides a fun safe environment for our newly graduated Seniors to go the night of graduation. Project Graduation is an over-night lock-in style event. We get funding through donations only. The school does not provide money to help fund this event. All funding goes to provide entertainment for the entire night including, inflatables, magician, face painters, balloon artist, basketball, volleyball, tons of games, DJ, prizes, food and so much more! Also, for this event we ensure 2 security guards to help keep it a safe event. You can imagine what it must be like to keep newly graduated Seniors busy all night. We need all the donations we can get.

We want to explain the reason this event is so important to us and for all of our graduating Seniors.

High school graduation is a time for celebration and a time of transition, a time for looking forward and looking back. Sharing precious moments and memories with classmates, friends and family. It brings on a complex of emotions: excitement and a sense of accomplishment mixed with many emotions that accompany the end of a journey. Much has been gained and much will be lost, which makes graduation day a turning point for every young man and woman who experiences this unforgettable event.

But as bittersweet as this moment can be, too often it is marked by tragic loss and/or severe injury. Unfortunately, many young people believe graduation means all bets are off and the usual rules don't apply, especially when it comes to drinking and drugs. Un-chaperoned parties and alcohol consumption are common occurrences on graduation night, and despite the well-known dangers, many teens somehow get the idea that drinking and driving isn't so bad when the night is so special.

Things get worse when graduation night arrives. The percentage of automobile fatalities that involve alcohol jumps from 33 percent to 40 percent on graduation night. Sober graduation events are growing in number, as schools and parents' groups do all they can to keep young people safe without denying their need to party and celebrate.

Please help us keep our Seniors safe the night of Graduation by donating to Project Graduation.

Project Graduation Committee