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WORLD'S GREATEST DESSERT PARTY KEEPS GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER

One of the largest fundraisers in Midland County keeps getting bigger. The World's Greatest Dessert Party, which benefits the Literacy Council of Midland County, will have more desserts to serve than ever before.

"Once again, the business owners in Midland County have been very generous," Allen Richard, executive director of the Literacy Council, said. "We have a record number of table sponsors and dessert donors this year. I guess that's why we hold the party on Fat Tuesday."

The 23rd annual World's Greatest Dessert Party will be Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dow Diamond, suite level. Tickets are \$20 or 2 for \$35 and are available at the door.

The Dessert Party features desserts from more than 50 restaurants, bakeries, hotels, caterers, schools and other businesses in the Midland area. Partygoers will enjoy more than 10,000 mini-servings of desserts including ice cream, cake, pies, cookies, pastries, candies, and the ever-popular chocolate fountain.

This year's entertainment will be the Kadenza Jazz Trio, with special guest Molly McFadden.

The silent auction has more items to bid on than any previous party. Note-worthy auction items include:

- A Caribbean cruise
- An original oil painting by Midland artist Cal Hoerneman
- Bobby Orr hand-signed photo
- A hockey puck autographed by Johan Franzen of the Detroit Red Wings
- A party package for 12 people that includes transportation in 6 antique cars, a suite at a Great Lakes Loons game, dinner at Decker's, and after-game refreshments at The H Hotel
- Belly dancing lessons
- County sheriff and City of Midland police ride-alongs
- Digital programmable thermostat
- Computer repair gift card

For more information, call the Literacy Council at 989-839-0540 or go to www.literacymidland.org.

Established in 1986, the Literacy Council of Midland County helps people achieve their goals in literacy. Reading changes lives. The council provides free, confidential, one-on-one tutoring in reading, spelling, math and English as a Second Language so that people of all ages can be self-sufficient in the 21st century.

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