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A GENEROUS DONATION BRINGS PROM BACK TO MADEIRA

Thanks to a benevolent donor, the juniors and seniors at Madeira High School (MHS) will be able to enjoy a 2021 Prom after a year without one.

For the past thirty-five years, MHS has held a 'Circle Prom' in the spring. Students all meet at the high school and travel together in charter buses to dinner and dancing at an off-site location. At the end of the evening, they are bused back to the high school for an elaborate After Prom – a staff, parent, and community volunteer effort that transforms their school into a themed wonderland of food, games, entertainment, and prizes. Madeira High School's Circle Prom and After Prom ensure a safe evening of fun and lasting memories.

Due to COVID-19, there was no option but to cancel the 2020 MHS Prom events. This year, even with a vaccination program and safety protocols in place, an inside event was going to be tough to pull off. Organizers considered a modified outside Prom but it proved cost-prohibitive. Things were looking bleak ... until a Madeira business stepped up.

Many businesses have been impacted due to the pandemic, including Camargo Events. By February they typically have limited or no availability of event offerings in May – but as of this February, they had 100% availability. So, Camargo Events' CEO David Murphy offered a solution that saved Madeira's Prom. He explained, "Madeira's High School's Prom is so important from so many perspectives that when we learned of the need for a turnkey infrastructure, we felt compelled to offer our assistance." He added, "We are proud it was accepted."

The solution is a 50' x 120' tent structure that will be set up in the school's parking lot – complete with a dance floor and crystal chandeliers. They also donated all the needed tables, chairs, place settings, and equipment needed to serve dinner to the prom-goers. In total, Camargo Events is donating over \$40,000 to provide a memorable Prom for the MHS students – even more special after 14 months of missing special high school events. Madeira parents have planned a modified but safe After Prom to be held at MHS following Prom's dinner and dancing.

Building permits, installations, and inspections are also part of pulling this event together, but at their 2021 Prom all the students will see is a parking lot transformed with lots of glitz, glamor, and bling – thanks to this generous donation and a lot of community volunteer effort.

