

# International Community Award Winner Council 10992

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In 2007, Knights from Holy Family Council 10992 began sponsoring a small event welcoming local high school students with special needs to their own “prom.” The first event hosted 12 students and continued to grow much larger in the years to come. The prom is now held twice a year at Sparta High School and all students with special needs can attend at no charge. The bi-annual event now attracts 1,600 guests with special needs from across Michigan. As many as 200 volunteers, most of whom are members of Council 10992, assist with the months of planning, preparation and execution for each event, including: volunteering for check-in, buffet service, developing themes and decorating, event security and clean-up, waiting tables, and serving as trained medical staff. The council also ensures that every attendee receives the full prom treatment: contracting a limousine service to offer free rides and working with local hair and makeup stylists and formal-wear vendors to provide free services.