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Donations Sought To Help Ensure Safe Graduation Night

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Several community partners working together to provide a safe place for kids to celebrate after graduation are seeking donations to help make the project a success.

The Fit Kids of Southwest Oklahoma Community Coalition and the Lawton Family YMCA will be hosting a pilot Project Graduation for MacArthur graduates May 22 with hopes of expanding the program to all city high schools. The event will be at the YMCA and offer entertainment and prizes for students as an alternative to risky and dangerous post-graduation parties with alcohol or drugs while also offering items that may help students succeed after school.

The Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority has donated \$5,000 to kick-start the event, but project coordinators are in need of more donations, including gift cards, movie tickets, sporting event tickets, dorm room items (such as sheets, pillows, comforters, towels and bathroom essentials), a mini refrigerator, toaster, coffee maker, microwave, iPads, a computer, theme park tickets, restaurant gift certificates and cash prizes.

To donate contact Sue White, 355-9622.