

# Let Shelby Shine

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For many Shelby County junior and senior students, the opportunity to go to the prom is a symbol of their achievements, a time to reflect on their high school experience and a time to celebrate the next steps ahead of them. Yet, for some of these students, this celebration is not possible. Due to financial, physical or health constraints, a part of that junior/senior population will not experience the magic of the prom evening.

Our project team chose to organize a dance for students with disabilities. This event came to be called "Let Shelby Shine." The idea was to let the students shine, but also align the students with local heroes—police, fire and first responders—and have a night of food, dancing and fun. Working with all the schools in Shelby County, our team had thirteen students sign up for the event. Working with the Indiana State Police and

the City of Shelbyville Police Department, we had local heroes committed to the event. The team secured food for the event through the Blue Bird and Kopper Kettle restaurants. The team secured a DJ for the event through Giant fm radio. The team reserved a photo booth as well as a professional photographer for the event. A donation for decorations came from Indiana Grand Racing and Casino. The team also purchased souvenirs for the students to take home.

The event was planned for April 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Shelbyville Middle School. In the end, we had to cancel the event because of the Covid-19 restrictions set in place. As the event was fully planned, our team hopes a future group will adopt the project and truly "Let Shelby Shine."

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