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Over 200 Children & Family Members Enjoy 'Fun Day in the Park'

Over 200 children and adults enjoyed the beautiful weather, games, activities and appearances by Ronald McDonald and Dora the Explorer on Friday at Clare County's sixth annual Fun Day in the Park.

Over 30 sponsors and community partners collaborated to provide this year's event. Each group that had a booth provided giveaways and valuable information to the families.

"Our goal has always been to provide a free opportunity for children to have fun with their families and to let parents know about all of the different resources in their community, Sara Dipzinski, Mid Michigan Community Action Family Service Coordinator, said. "Unfortunately, not everyone knows that their children may be eligible for free preschool, Early Head Start or that there is assistance available for emergencies," she added.

Children received free books and other prizes, learned about blood, felt different animal pelts and even spent time with Ronald McDonald and Dora the Explorer.

"Each year we have such a diverse group of organizations that are eager to have fun with kids and provide the families with information."

Mid Michigan Community Action, which coordinated the event, provided information on its Early Head Start, preschool, emergency services and fatherhood involvement programs. United Way of Clare County, Clare County Early Intervention Collaborative Committee, Clare City Water Department, Clare Fire Department, Michigan Mobile Medical Response, MSU Extension, Chippewa Nature Center, Michigan Student Aid, Clare-Gladwin Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Great Start Parent Coalition, Clare Parks and Recreation, Michigan Community Blood Center, St. Cecilia Catholic School, Mt. Pleasant Association for the Education of Young Children, Mid Michigan Medical Center, Clare Public Schools, Rodnick Chiropractic,

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Clare-Gladwin Literacy Council, Clare-Pere Marquette, Surrey Township & Harrison Community Libraries, Clare City Water, Listening Ear, Child Advocacy-4C, Clare County Youth Council, Campbell Printing, Early On, Clare/Gladwin RESD, NEMSCA Head Start, Michigan Fatherhood Coalition, Clare Masonic Lodge # 404, Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District, Great Start, Clare McDonald's, Clare County Department of Human Services, and Clare City Police, Sam's Club, Central Michigan District Health Department and WCMU Ready to Learn also contributed to the event.

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency is a non-profit, human services agency serving Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Mecosta, Midland and Osceola Counties since 1966.

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