



#### **4/12/16 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Avon Grads Party All Night - and Safely**

For over 25 years, Avon High School Project Graduation has hosted a drug- and alcohol-free party for AHS seniors on the night of their graduation. While joyous graduation days can turn into tragic nights in towns where the only option for grads is to go out and ‘party,’ Avon students enjoy a safe graduation celebration where fun is abundant and alcohol and drugs are carefully prevented.

The all-night event features refreshments, entertainment, games, and prizes, and is fully funded by donations and sponsorships from parents, friends and businesses from the community at large. Its success is proven, year in and year out, by the participation rate. According to event co-chair, Joan Miller, 90-95% of graduates attend every year. “Project Graduation is a not-to-miss event that our students remember for a lifetime.”

You can help ensure that the Avon High School Class of 2016 gets to make safe, happy graduation memories by becoming a Project Graduation donor today. The event planning committee is currently accepting gift certificates, raffle prizes, and monetary donations. In addition, it seeks local businesses like salons, grocers and restaurants to host one-day fundraisers during which a percentage of the daily sales goes to Project Graduation. Donors should contact Avon Project Graduation Treasurer, Deb Horovitz at 860-321-7450 or [horovitzfamily22@comcast.net](mailto:horovitzfamily22@comcast.net), to contribute. All donors will be recognized in the *Avon Project Graduation Honor Roll* published in local print and e-news sources in June, and businesses can proudly display our *Certificate of Participation* throughout the year.

The Avon Project Graduation Committee thanks all who have (and will) make this year’s event possible for the class of 2016. No Drugs, No Alcohol - *Just Fun*.