

Local au pairs chip in at 'live and local' event

The City of Farmington Hills Special Service Department and Farmington Dance Company presented Live & Local Saturday Dec. 3, at the Costick Activities Center.

The gymnasium was transformed into an elegant cabaret for this event with white table cloths and candlelight.

It was an evening filled with dinner and entertainment with more than 100 local talents performing dance, music and poetry.

The evening began with a tasty buffet. Au pairs from Au Pair in America served over 300 guests by managing the buffet line and keeping things running smoothly.

After dinner, the show began. The entertainment consisted of 29 talented groups, including contemporary dance groups and solo vocalists. The evening ended on a high note with the Farmington High School Drum Line. Several of the dance numbers were performed

by students from Harrison High and Farmington High School.

Au Pairs who volunteered were from different countries including Brazil, Germany, Mexico, and Chile. Helping others comes naturally to these young ladies who are here for a year (or two) to provide child care for the host family they live with.

A family who has an au pair is getting more than great child care though, they are also getting a true cultural exchange experience.

Whether it is helping to serve dinner to a big crowd or helping in the home with a host family's children, au pairs show how willing they are to volunteer and what wonderful help they can be. If interested in finding out more about the Au Pair in America program, contact Carol Benton at (248) 489-1407, cbaupair@aol.com or Au Pair in America www.aupairinamerica.com.



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