**VINA Tailgate Fundraiser Returns for 14th Year**

In two weeks, Michigan and Michigan State fans will compete to raise money for VINA Community Dental Center at the 14th annual VINA Tailgate fundraiser. Whichever school’s fanbase raises the most money for the nonprofit dental clinic wins the VINA Tailgate.

In the past 13 years of The Tailgate, Michigan fans have won six while Michigan State fans have won seven. This year could tie it up for the Wolverines or help the Spartans extend their lead.

The Tailgate fundraiser is Thursday, October 27 at Crystal Gardens from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The night consists of a silent auction with more than 100 silent auction items, including fall décor, fan gear, golf packages, collectible items, gift cards and tickets to various experiences and sporting events. There will also be a live auction for tickets to the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game this year.

In addition to the silent auction, Tailgate tickets give attendees access to a buffet of tailgate food, raffles, a cash bar, cornhole games and a fun atmosphere with the Brighton High School marching band and banter between fans and this year’s Tailgate captains.

This year’s team captains have both led their teams to a VINA Tailgate victory in the last two years. Bob Cernak was the Michigan captain last year when the Wolverine fans won the Tailgate and George Moses was the Spartan’s captain in 2020 when Michigan State fans won the virtual Tailgate fundraiser. Both are alums from their respective schools and are well-known in the Livingston County community.

The winning school’s flag hangs in a window at VINA until the next year’s Tailgate. Fans have no control over the actual football game but can control who wins the VINA Tailgate through designated sponsorships, ticket purchases, donations, raffles and silent auction winnings.

The Tailgate fundraiser brings together more than 200 people with the goal of raising money to provide low-cost dental care to the underserved populations in Livingston County.

Sponsorships are available until October 14 with a variety of levels and benefits. Tailgate tickets and reserved tables of ten are available for purchase until October 20. Sponsorships, tickets and donations can be purchased using [this link](https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=vina).