

The search is on for a little red wagon

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Where's the wagon?

Christin O'Callaghan wants the community to follow the trail of a little red wagon as it makes stops at various youth-oriented events around the community.

O'Callaghan, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority, said almost 30 organizations (including The Legacy Center for Student Success) pulled together in the countywide effort to get Midland recognized as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People in America.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of our youth-focused organizations within our greater Midland community," she said before handing out certificates to group representatives at the Midland City Council meeting Monday.

She also announced the new "Where's the Wagon?" initiative, which will provide a banner and wagon to groups hosting youth activities.

"This is a great way to promote this prestigious recognition we have received, but also reminds people that there are a lot of great things happening in our community for youth and families," she said.

The red wagon is part of the logo of America's Promise, a group committed to the success of children that selects the 100 communities. The wagon and banner, funded by the Midland Area Community Foundation, can be followed by visiting the city's website at www.midland-mi.org or the Midland Happenings website at www.midlandhappenings.com.

Councilman Jim Myers thanked the community for its involvement in the program. "This is an outstanding recognition for the city of Midland and it was accomplished by a lot of hard work by a lot of people," he said.