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Locals Instill Hope in Fred's Pets *Dearborn Gets Together to Rebuild Fred Danville's Shop*

March 11, Dearborn starts yet another week after a tragic fire burned down Fred's Pets two weeks ago, closing the surrounding streets and sending the surrounding areas into disarray.

A shock to the community, the fire affected surrounding businesses as well. Owners and affiliated residents now work on plans to rebuild.

Fred Danville is struggling to cope with the damage costs, as the fire caused severe harm to his animals, for whom he cares very deeply. After the animals were rescued, he used the insurance funds to pay for his animals' treatment. This, in addition to building repairs, depleted his funds and Danville now has a mountain to climb to again oversee his once thriving business.

Fred's Pets was one of the favorite businesses among locals, with many saddened by what happened. Danville also worked closely with local pet adoption programs and shelters. They specifically collaborated with him because of the "great care he provides to his animals", said another local pet shop owner Maria Cole.

After a couple weeks passed and the community has expressed its support for Danville, Wyandotte Animal Adoption Center of Dearborn is spearheading an effort to help bring Fred's Pets back. A "Tux and Tails" formal gala event at the local Marriot hotel has been planned for March 30, where WAAC and other local animal care organizations will welcome pet owners interested in further supporting Fred Danville and his business. Animals from the organizations will also be featured and will be available for adoption.

The entry fee for the event is \$100 per owner and a pet, and it will feature a contest for a best owner and pet matching outfit, with the winner receiving free grooming for a year and a \$100 gift card from Fred's Pets. The seating will be arranged in a way allowing the guests to eat alongside their pets as well.

The venue and the meal have been donated by Marriot. Thus, the fees will go directly toward Danville's business, who is very excited about the efforts. "This really means a lot", said Danville, on the verge of tears of joy, "sometimes you just don't realize who is there for you until you really need them".

Already over a 100 people have RSVP'd to what seems will become a fundraiser to remember for all in the community.

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