



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Night To Shine?

A: Night To Shine is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and is an unforgettable prom experience for members of the special needs community, ages 14 and up. The night consists of limo rides, a red carpet premiere where guests are celebrated & cheered on, dancing, karaoke, hair/makeup/shoe shine stations, and so much more! Dinner will be provided.

Q: How would you define an individual with special needs?

A: The event is open to anyone with physical or cognitive special needs, ages 14 and older. We do not have specific guidelines for the eligibility of guests in relation to the legitimacy or severity of their disabilities. We trust the guests and their family member/caregiver as to what qualifies as a special need.

Q: What is the minimum age for a Night To Shine guest?

A: Ages 14 years old and up, there is no maximum age.

Q: How old must you be to volunteer?

A: 16 years old and up can volunteer. A volunteer must be 18+ for a security role.

Q: Is every volunteer required to have a background check?

A: Yes, every volunteer serving during the event on Feb. 7th is required to have a background check. Background checks are not required for volunteers serving in pre-event roles occurring on Feb. 6th.

Q: My child who is volunteering does not have a driver's license number to put on the background check consent form, what do I put?

A: All zeros.

Q: Can a parent who is volunteering bring their child/children with them?

A: No, this is a huge event and we do not have the capacity for extra people.

Q: Do you have to attend Salem Alliance Church or be a Christian to volunteer?

A: No, anyone is welcome to volunteer.

Q: Will there be a Formalwear Event this year?

A: No, there will not be a pre-event Night to Shine formalwear event & we will not be taking any formalwear donations.

Q: When is the deadline for volunteers to fill out a background check in order to volunteer?

A: January 31st. No exceptions. If they do not fill one out then they will not be allowed to volunteer.

Q: What is a buddy?

A: Every guest attending Night To Shine is required to have a buddy. A buddy is a companion who will stay by the guest's side throughout the entire

evening to help make sure they have the most enjoyable and comfortable night possible. We can provide the guest with a buddy or they can choose to provide their own buddy (friend, relative, caretaker, or parent).

Q: Can a guest bring their own buddy?

A: Yes, but their buddy must register as a preferred buddy, be background checked, and stay with the guest for the entirety of the evening. The buddy cannot use the Respite Room. The guest is limited to bringing one buddy and one family member/caregiver.

Q: Do we have to assign a buddy to a guest who is attending with a parent or caregiver?

A: A buddy needs to be assigned with each guest. However, each guest is also allowed one family member/caregiver who can stay with the guest and buddy for the entirety of the event if the guest prefers that.

Q: How many people are allowed to attend with the guest?

A: 2 people maximum - 1 buddy who must stay with the guest for the entirety of the event & 1 family member/caregiver who will be allowed to use the Respite Room as well as visit the guest throughout the event.

Q: Why are only 2 people allowed to attend with the guest?

A: In order to stay within building capacity, we have to keep it at 2 people. We want to keep the prom open to as many guests as possible and not overcrowd the prom with family members observing the guest. We understand some guests require a lot of support but we feel 2 support people are sufficient for each guest.

Q: Can buddies use the Respite Room?

A: No, the buddy is required to stay by the guest's side the entire evening.

Q: What is the Respite Room?

A: The Respite Room is a private area where family members/caregivers of guests can spend the evening enjoying food and rest while remaining onsite during the event.

Q: How do we sign up as a preferred buddy or as a family member/caregiver?

A: The links are on the website.

Q: If guests come as a couple do they still need two buddies?

A: Yes, these buddies are present to help show the guests around the facility and make sure the guests don't miss out on any of the fun.

Q: Will there be allergy friendly food options?

A: Yes, we will do our best to have different food options that are gluten free, dairy free, and nut free. Everything will be labeled accordingly.

Q: Will there be someone to administer medication at the prom?

A: No, the church, our staff, volunteers, and medical team are not responsible for administering medication to guests during the event. If medication is required during the event a parent or caregiver **MUST** be available to administer the medication.

Q: Are caregivers from group homes or agencies able to be a buddy to multiple guests?

A: No, each guest is required to have a one on one buddy or caregiver. We will provide buddies if they are bringing multiple guests with them. We are very

firm with this, no exceptions to this requirement. Every guest is required to have a one on one buddy.