Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is Night to Shine?

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

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

Answer: 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.

Question: What is the minimum age for a Night to Shine guest?

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

Question: How old must you be to volunteer?

Answer: 10 years and up can volunteer, but children under the age of 14 must volunteer with an adult. A volunteer must be 18+ for a security or medical role.

Question: What is a buddy?

Answer: Every guest attending Night to Shine is required by the Tim Tebow Foundation 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).

Question: Can a guest bring their own buddy?

Answer: 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.

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

Answer: No, each guest is required to have a one-on-one buddy or caregiver. We will provide buddies if caregivers bring multiple guests with them.

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

Answer: 3 people maximum - one person can stay with the guest as a buddy and up to two people can use the respite room during the event. Each person who accompanies a guest at Night to Shine MUST register

Question: What is the Respite Room?

Answer: 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.

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

Answer: Please complete the Preferred Buddy / Caregiver Registration Form on our website.

Question: Will there be allergy-friendly food options?

Answer: 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.

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

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