FAQs for Guests

What is the minimum age for Night to Shine honored guests? Night to Shine is for anyone with special needs, ages 14 and older. There is no age maximum.

Is there a cost for Night to Shine? No. This event is complimentary for all guests with special needs and their parents/caretakes.

What is the arrival time? Doors will open to all guests at 5pm. The event ends at 9pm.

Are parents welcome to remain onsite? Absolutely! Parents and caregivers are welcome to a complimentary respite upstairs which includes a catered dinner, coffee/dessert bar and freedom to celebrate with their loved ones/clients at any point during the evening.

What do guests wear? Most guests choose to wear formal wear. Female guests often wear prom dresses, and male guests choose suits or tuxes. Most importantly, we want all our guests to feel comfortable.

When is the boutique? We will be hosting a FREE boutique on Friday, January 27 at Park Valley Church in the main lobby. The boutique will be open from 10amnoon and again from 5pm-7pm. There will be plenty of dresses, suits, ties, jewelry, etc. for the big night!

Will each guest receive their own buddy? Yes, every honored guest will be paired with an age-appropriate buddy for the evening. Guests will be introduced to their buddy during registration.

What activities will guests enjoy? Activities include a flower station providing corsages and boutonnieres, hair, make-up and shoeshine stations, limo rides, karaoke, game room, glow room, photo booths, dinner, red carpet walk, dancing and crowning ceremony.

What will guests enjoy for dinner? Guests and their buddies will enjoy a Chic-fila dinner with gluten-free options. Parents and caretakers will enjoy a separate catered dinner in the respite area. What is Park Valley Church's address? 4500 Waverly Farm Drive, Haymarket, Virginia.

Is there an option for a Virtual Celebration at home? Yes, we will offer both the unforgettable in-person experience at the church as well as an adaptive virtual option. Virtual guests will visit a custom website URL to view a pre-recorded celebration video. This is not a "Zoom" call. Access to high-speed internet and a laptop, computer, smartphone or tablet will be necessary to view the Virtual Celebration. Guests will receive by mail either a crown or tiara and the official Night to Shine gift bag to enjoy during their virtual celebration.

Who is the contact for guest questions? Contact Kathy Drago at Kathleen.drago@gmail.com.