FAQs for Volunteers

Why is Park Valley Church hosting their Night to Shine on a different date than everyone else? Due to a scheduling conflict, Park Valley Church has been given permission to host our Night to Shine on February 19, 2027, which is a week after the official Night to Shine date.

What is the minimum age to volunteer at Night to Shine? To serve as a Buddy, volunteers must be at least 16-years-old. Volunteers serving in the Sensory Room or Parent Respite must be at least 18-years-old. To serve in any other area, volunteers need to be at least 12-years-old.

What is the arrival time for volunteers? Volunteer check-in begins at 3:30pm (Anyone helping with Buddy Check-in or Volunteer Check-in should arrive by 3pm). Snacks and drinks will be available.

What do volunteers wear? We encourage volunteer buddies to dress in semi-formal or formal wear. All other volunteers can choose to wear dressy or business casual such as dresses, dress pants, collared shirts, jackets, etc. We ask that all volunteers dress modestly and appropriately (no low-cut or super short dresses please).

Is there training for volunteers? Yes. All volunteers are required to attend one training session. There are two training dates to choose from:

Friday, February 5, from 7-8:30pm or
Saturday, February 6, from 10-11:30am

Both trainings will take place in the Haymarket main auditorium.

Are background checks required to volunteer? Background checks are required for all volunteers 18 and older serving inside or outside of the church building.

Can volunteers request a role? Yes. During the registration process, volunteers will be asked to select their preferred role. We will do our best to assign volunteers with their top choice but cannot guarantee a specific role. Final placements will be emailed to all volunteers by **January 23**.

What happens if a guest requires medication during the evening? Medical personnel and volunteers are not responsible for administering any kind of prescribed medication or treatment. Medication and/or treatment must be administered by the guest's parent or caretaker.

What happens if there is a medical emergency? There will be multiple nurses and EMT personnel on-site during the event to provide basic first aid and care for any medical needs or emergencies. The guest's parent and/or caretaker will also be immediately contacted.

How do volunteers know if a guest does not permit their picture to be taken? Guests who do not wish to have their picture taken during the event will be wearing a red lanyard.

Are volunteers allowed to take pictures? Volunteers may not take or post photos or videos of honored guests to their personal or professional social media accounts. We will have professional photographers on site taking pictures throughout the evening. All guests and volunteers will receive a QR code providing access to these photos.

What activities take place during Night to Shine? 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 volunteers enjoy for dinner? All volunteers, Guests and their Buddies will enjoy a Chic-fil-a dinner with gluten-free options.

What is Park Valley Church's address? 4500 Waverly Farm Drive, Haymarket, Virginia.

Who is the contact for volunteer questions? Contact Susan Beckworth at susan@parkvalleychurch.com.