

Volunteer FAQ's

What Is Night To Shine?

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. Churches from around the world will host Night to Shine on the same night for thousands of honored guests and we want you to be a part of it! Every guest of Night to Shine will enter their prom on a red carpet complete with welcoming friendly paparazzi. Once inside guests will receive VIP treatment including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining stations, corsages and boutonnieres, a karaoke room and of course, dancing! The highlight of the night will come when every one of the Night to Shine guests is crowned as a king or queen of the prom. Our event can accommodate 100 registered prom guests.

Who is Night to Shine For?

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. If you have further questions about this, please contact us at NighttoShine@believerschurch.org and we'll be happy to answer those questions.

Who can volunteer?

Anyone from 14 years old and up can help with this event. However, if the volunteer is 16 or under, they will need to have a parent volunteering at the event as well with them. If a volunteer is under the age of 18 they will need a parent to sign a permission form and waiver before they can participate. All volunteers will be required to attend training, pass required background checks, adhere to the Volunteer Code of Conduct.

What roles can I volunteer for?

There are over 300 volunteer opportunities to serve at this event! Roles range from hair & makeup for our glam squad, to Night to Shine event roles such as paparazzi, shoe shine, parking attendants, and of course...guest buddy. Please note that volunteers must be 14 or older. We're turning this special event into one of HUB 757's biggest parties - and YOU can help make it a success! Please note, the only way to attend Night to Shine is via a volunteer role. You can view volunteer roles and register [here](#).

What is a buddy?

Buddies accompany and assist their assigned guest throughout the evening, providing companionship and any assistance they may need during the event. They sit with their guest during dinner, accompany them to the various entertainment and specialty stations, and engage with them in conversation. Buddies must be at least 16 years old. No prior experience working as a buddy is required, although a background check must be completed. Once signed up to serve, we will provide the information you need, as well as any applicable training.

Do Volunteers Receive training?

Yes. All volunteers will receive training on guest interactions including, how to recognize and avoid the use of offensive terms and phrases, the development of people first language skills, general tips for communicating, and how to prevent and handle awkward or uncomfortable situations. In addition, specific training will be provided for each of the volunteer positions.

Volunteer orientation is required to volunteer at Night to Shine. There are 2 options to select from and will be required to RSVP on the form.

Volunteer Orientation Date options:

Saturday, January 5, 2019 9:00 – 11:00AM at HUB 757

Thursday, January 10, 2019, 6:30 – 8:00PM at HUB 757

What do volunteers wear?

Many of our hosts for the evening choose to wear semi-formal or formal attire. Gowns or dresses for the ladies and suits, tuxes, or shirt/vest/tie for gentlemen are most common. All volunteers will be in black unless otherwise instructed.

Believers will be hosting a **Night to Shine Boutique** on Saturday, January 5, from 12:00pm – 3:00pm at HUB 757 where our honored guests will have the opportunity to select from a variety of donated attire and accessories. These items will all be free of charge to our registered guests.

What if it snows?

The show must go on—even if it snows! We'll have volunteers and equipment ready if snow is expected. So, plan on the event happening regardless of weather conditions, and drive carefully to your Night to Shine location. In the event roads and highways are closed, and we are forced to cancel the event, we will publish notices on all of our websites and social media channels.

How are you partnering with the Tim Tebow Foundation?

We consider it an honor to be selected by The Tim Tebow Foundation as a partner for Night to Shine – a worldwide movement. Believers Church has a heart to serve those in our community with special needs, and the Tim Tebow Foundation shares that passion. We are excited to partner with them and to host this spectacular event. Together, we are changing Valentine's Day weekend from simply a celebration of love, to a celebration of God's love for people with special needs.