

NIGHT TO SHINE 2026

THINGS TO KNOW

- **New Venue** – Journey Community Church will be hosting Night to Shine this year for the first time at the Columbia County Exhibition Center located at 212 Partnership Drive, Grovetown, GA 30813.
- **Honored Guests** – The definition of an Honored Guest is “a person in whose honor a party or dinner is given.” So, this is the term we use for our prom guests! The night of course is all about them and we are honored to be a part of it!
- **VIPs (Very Important People)** – These are the parents and caregivers of our Honored Guests. They get to have their own experience for the night in the VIP tent with a meal and fun activities. They are also more than welcome to float around and attend the dance with their Honored Guest throughout the event.
- **No childcare at the event** – Every single space in the facility will be occupied and in use for either the Honored Guests or their Caregivers. Therefore, we cannot offer childcare for the event.
- **Valuables** – Only bring into the event what you are able to carry with you. We will not have a place to store personal items.
- **Parking** – Please park in the marked volunteer parking lots. One is located on the side of the building at the back of the lot and the other parking area is directly in front of the building. Please refrain from using parking closest to the cargo door entrance, as we want to keep these available for Honored Guests and their VIPs. There will be Parking Team members directing traffic to help you know where to park.
- **Check-In** – All volunteers (except Red Carpet volunteers) are REQUIRED to check in! Beautification, Food, and Buddies will enter through the double doors to the left of the awning entry (front office). All other volunteers will enter through the double doors with the awning above it (front office). You will be given a lanyard when you check in. Everyone inside the venue MUST be wearing a lanyard at all times!

- **Red Lanyard** = Radio – Anyone wearing a red lanyard will have a radio and can assist you should you have an emergency or need to locate someone.
- **Yellow Lanyard** = Sensory – Anyone wearing a yellow lanyard is on our Sensory Team. Our Sensory Team members are specialized in helping Honored Guests who may get agitated or overstimulated throughout the night. They will be located in the Sensory Area and floating around the venue.
- **Green Lanyard** = Navigator – Anyone wearing a green lanyard will be proficient in where things are located throughout the venue and be identifiable to help Honored Guest and VIPs know where to go.
- **Medical Station & Info Center** – EMT and Staff members with radios will be stationed at the front office of the Columbia County Exhibition Center throughout the entire night.
- **Press** – There may be news reporters at this event. We have designated people who will speak to them. You shouldn't have to worry about this, but if for some reason they approach you, please take them to someone with a radio (Red Lanyard) and ask that person to find a staff member for press.
- **Medication** – Medication can ONLY be administered by the parents/caregivers. If you need to reach a VIP for any reason, please find someone with a radio (Red Lanyard) or go to the Medical Station & Info Center (venue front office) and they can assist you.
- **Emergency Evacuation** – If for any reason during the event the building must be evacuated, use the nearest exit and meet in the Honored Guests parking lot. Buddies should remain with their Honored Guest until they are paired back with their VIP by an Event Staff member.
- **Food** – There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres available for volunteers in the **Kitchen** starting at 5:30pm. The Dance Hall and the VIP area will have food as well throughout the night. However, we ask that you please wait to get food from those areas until after Honored Guests and VIPs have had a chance to eat.
- **Bathrooms** – Bathrooms outside of the Dance Hall will be staffed with medical professionals and volunteers to assist Honored Guests in the restrooms. If an

Honored Guest requires assistance with more than getting in and out of a stall or hand washing (such as undressing, dressing, or toileting), contact their VIP for assistance.

- **Check-out** – We will have bins located at the Medical Station & Info Center (front office) and at the front exit doors to place your lanyard in when you leave for the night. Not all volunteers are required to stay until the very end, but we do ask that you check with your Team Lead if you are planning to leave early.