

# **Buddy Best Practices**

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## Night to Shine is all about the Honored Guests

- If there is not room to walk beside your guest on the red carpet, walk behind them.
- From beginning to end, the spotlight remains on the Honored Guests.

## Each honored guest will have a lanyard, which will include:

- Allergies (if applicable)
- Special needs / accommodations (if applicable)
- Emergency contact information

### Discourage any boyfriend or girlfriend talk with your buddy

- Night to Shine is not a date.
- Kindly and gently steer the conversation in the right direction.

## Consider how your guest is getting home

- Will they be riding with a parent / caregiver or will they be taking public transportation?
- Volunteers should NEVER provide transportation for Honored Guests.

## **Social media policy**

• Do not post photos or videos including your buddy on social media without verbal or written permission.

## Contact after the event

- Redirect any requests for you personal information back to your host church.
- Do not ask for personal information. Ask your host church for appropriate ways to stay in contact with your buddy.

## Always refer to your volunteer team leadership with any questions