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**WestArk Church of Christ to Host Night to Shine Prom for People with Special Needs
Sponsored by Tim Tebow Foundation**

Fort Smith, AR (November 1, 2023) – WestArk Church of Christ announced today that they will serve as a host of the 2024 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. The unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love, celebrating people with special needs will be held by host churches around the world simultaneously on Friday, February 9, 2024. WestArk is excited to be a part of this worldwide movement that God is using as a catalyst to change how cultures embrace people with disabilities and to rally the church worldwide to honor their local community of people with special needs, ensuring they know they are valued and loved. This will be their eighth year to host the event in Fort Smith.

Night to Shine is hosted by churches all around the globe who desire to share the love of Christ with their community of people with special needs. Night to Shine is a complimentary event and while each event is a little different, some activities include a red carpet entrance complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi, hair and makeup stations, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered dinner, dancing, karaoke, gifts, a Respite Room for parents and caregivers, a Sensory Room, and a crowning ceremony where every honored guest receives a crown or tiara!

“I’m so excited that we will celebrate 10 years of Night to Shine this coming year! All around the world, people with special needs are going to be cheered for on the red carpet, dance the night away with their friends, be crowned a king or a queen of the prom... but most importantly, they’re going to hear that they are loved by the God of this universe. We continue to be in awe of all God has done over the past nine years, but we believe He has even more in store. Every town, every village, every nation needs Night to Shine because we want every person with special needs to know that they are one of one, created in love, by love and for love,” said Tim Tebow, founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

As sponsor of Night to Shine, the Tim Tebow Foundation provides each host church with the official 2024 Night to Shine Planning Manual, personalized guidance and support from a Tim Tebow Foundation staff member, the opportunity to apply for a financial grant, and access to planning resources that will assist them in creating an unforgettable night for their honored guests. The foundation also provides access to ongoing disability ministry resources through

Shine On, a ministry that equips the Church with faith-based resources to embrace people living with disabilities as part of their church community.

Over the years, Night to Shine, through hundreds of churches from 56 different countries, has provided over half a million guest experiences. 2024 marks the 10th anniversary of Night to Shine.

For additional information on the Night to Shine hosted by WestArk Church of Christ in Fort Smith, visit <https://fsnighttoshine.org>.

For more information on the worldwide movement of Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, please visit: www.timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine.

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