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A Prom Night to Remember



The Night to Shine prom was an overwhelming success. The celebration of a lifetime!

Most kids brought a parent to prom as their date. A survey of the dance floor would not tell you who enjoyed prom more, the kids or their parents. One mom joyfully pushed her son's wheelchair across the dance floor. Her son can't talk, so we asked her if she thought he was enjoying himself. She said, "I think he is. I know I am." Another mom inched away from the center of the dance floor where her son was dancing with a large group of his peers. She was there if he needed her, but she was happy to see him socialize with confidence.

This event would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers. From setup to cleanup, they served with joy and compassion. One volunteer, as he looked around the room, said, "My cheeks are hurting, but I just can't stop smiling. This night is awesome!"

Thank you to our partners at the Tim Tebow Foundation as they hosted and coordinated 44 proms for people with disabilities in churches across the country on this same night. They believe, as we do, that our kids should be celebrated every day. We are grateful for this chance to show them how special they are to us.

Cameras flashed and crowds cheered as the kids we serve, dressed to the nines, walked out of a limousine and across the red carpet. Boys were crowned king and girls were crowned queen, complete with tiara and sash. After a touch of makeup and a quick shoe shine, they put on corsages and donned boutonnieres. They were ready to light up the dance floor at the Jill's House Night to Shine prom.

The evening was designed to make each child feel like the guest of honor. Dana Hecht, the Director of Family Support, shared, "The goal of the prom is to celebrate the kids we serve and create an atmosphere where they feel accepted and loved."



Thank you to the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) for covering the evening! Watch their story.