

# OPTIONAL ELEMENTS

To help give you some ideas to enhance your event, we have provided the following list of optional elements. Many of these ideas have come from host churches that have incorporated them at their event. You'll also find inspiration in the Flipbook in the HUB. We encourage you and your team to meet together and dream of ideas to make Night to Shine the most amazing event your honored guests have ever been to! Hopefully, these suggestions help!



## DÉCOR & EVENT EXTRAS

The following are optional elements and activities to consider when planning your event and preparing your preliminary budget. If you have additional elements you would like to include, please use the “fill in the blank” lines on your budget.

- Balloon artist
- Balloon or confetti drop
- Bingo room
- Bracelet making
- Bubble machine or bubbles for volunteers to blow on the red carpet
- Bubble tunnel
- Build-a-Bear or stuffed animal station
- Caricature artist
- Celebrity Impersonators (i.e. Elvis)
- Cheerleading squad with pom poms – Red Carpet
- Classic or high-end cars
- Coffee bar with baristas
- Dance instruction
- Décor
  - Entry arches
  - Balloon arches or sculptures
  - Streamers
  - Event lighting
  - Hanging crystal beaded columns
  - String lights
  - Chandeliers
  - Paper lanterns
  - Large format illuminated letters
  - Small trees and branches with lighting
  - Flower garlands or walls/panels
  - Fabric drape
- Designated prayer room with craft station for salvation bracelets
- Encouragement signs on the red carpet for paparazzi to hold that say things like, “You are beautiful!”, “You are loved!”, “You are handsome!”, etc.
- Extra sweet treats
  - Candy bar
  - Cotton candy machine
  - Cupcake tower
  - Chocolate fountain
  - Donut wall
  - Ice Cream sundae bar
  - Soda bar with flavors and straws
- Face painting
- Fireworks (please be sure to have a licensed professional set up and execute your fireworks show)
- French fry or baked potato bar with cheese, chili and other fun sauces
- Game area with prizes
- Glow light sticks
- Horse and carriage rides
- Jewelry and bowtie station
- LEGO station
- Mascots, Superheroes/Disney characters
- Massage Chair – Respite Room
- Military Arch of Sabers/Arch of Swords
- On-site photo development and placement in frames for guests to take home
- Paint a large panel black and let guests paint with black light paint
- Photo book for guests
- Photo booth with props or 360-degree Photo booth
- Petting zoo
- Police escorts for limos
- Popcorn machine
- Prayer wall
- Pre-event prom dress/menswear boutique
- Rickshaw Rides
- Therapy animals – Sensory Room / Area
- Touch-A-Truck-invite first responders, military vehicles, helicopters and other unique vehicles for guests to get their pictures in
- Shine-Thru drive thru celebration
- Valet parking for parents and caregivers
- Yard “shining” for honored guests