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MENTOR Rhode Island Dancing Under the Stars FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

What if I already paid for reservations back in the spring for Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring?

You are all set! Your reservations for Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring will carry over to Dancing Under the Stars. We're excited to have you and all the guests you've registered join us for this drive-in style event on Sunday, November 8th (rain date 11/22) at Aldrich Mansion.

Is it \$90-per-person or \$90-per-car?

It is \$90-per-person, as the expenses remain about the same for this event as the traditional one at Rhodes. This remains our most important fundraiser. Even more so with the effects of COVID-19 which have caused trauma, learning loss, and economic devastation to the youth we serve and their families. The increased need for mentoring to combat these effects can only be met with your support. That said, this year's event is more appropriate for children to attend, so they can come for FREE with a paying adult.

What does my \$90 reservation get me?

It gets you the opportunity to attend what we think will be an awesome, safe, reimagined version of Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring. We will be pre-taping the actual dancing a couple of days before the event and showing it on 6 big screens set up across the lawn at Aldrich Mansion. You will be viewing from the safety of your vehicle. Just like at the drive-in, you'll be able to tune in on your radio to hear the event. Our dancers and professionals will be there live to be interviewed by our co-hosts, Mario Hilario from NBC10, and Heather Gersten from Lite Rock 105. The performances will also be judged live that night and our award winners will be announced. Per regulations, dinner will not be served but we will have Gourmet Goodie Bags with some yummy treats and special items included for each guest, and many attendees have told us they plan to pack a picnic basket to enjoy in their vehicle during the event. We will also have a trailer with bathroom facilities on site.

When should I arrive?

The event will start promptly at 5:30pm but the venue will be open for parking beginning at 3:30pm. Parking will be first-come, first-served, except for attendees associated with sponsors or dancing stars. Those guests will be directed to a particular section, but should still plan to arrive so they can be parked by 5pm. All guests should follow the directions of parking attendants.

What COVID-19 restrictions or other regulations should I expect?

You will need to remain in your car for the duration of the event except to use the restroom. If you leave your vehicle you must wear a mask and maintain a safe social distance to those



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around you. We also ask that you put on your mask if you roll down your window to speak to someone from your vehicle. Volunteers will be in place to remind you of these restrictions. Harassment of volunteers enforcing these restrictions will not be tolerated. Also, please remember that all federal, state, and local laws still apply. No open containers, please. Violation of these restrictions may lead to your ejection from the event without a refund.

Will there be a silent auction and a wine grab-bag this year?

Due to regulations we will not be able to have the popular wine grab-bag this year, and our silent auction will be held online rather than in-person. A link to the silent auction will be shared when it goes live on Monday, October 26. The silent auction will remain open for two weeks closing at 8pm on Monday, November 8, the day after the event. There will still be lots of great items for you to bid on.

What happens if it rains?

The rain date is set for Sunday, November 22 at 5:30pm. A decision on whether to postpone to the rain date will be made at least 24 hours before the event. Any postponement will be announced via our website www.MentorRI.org/dancing, on our social media channels, and through an email blast.

Other Questions or Concerns?

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