



NDI New Mexico 2021 VIRTUAL GALA

FAQS for NDI New Mexico's Live Preshow Drive Thru Celebration Event

1. Can you provide more information about this event?

Each year the NDI gala raises a significant portion of our operating funds. In this unique year, we have found that the need for our programs is even greater than ever, and we are serving 8,900 students! Although our programs have been delivered primarily via Zoom or video, there have been unanticipated costs in adapting our programs. The children need your support more than ever. We have been careful in our planning to ensure that safety and health of our students, families, donors, and staff is always our priority. We are ready to share our joy with you at our Live Preshow Drive Thru Celebration. Here's what you can expect....

Drive up to an energetic NDI welcome, then proceed through drive-thru stations to hear NDI musicians, see children dancing, and pick up your catered dinner boxes, program books, and a gala surprise. Now you are ready to head home and watch the Virtual Gala!

2. I am interested in being a Dinner Host. What is the cost and how many catered dinners are included?

This year Dinner Host Sponsorship replaces the Table Host Sponsorship of the in-person galas. This \$2500 sponsorship is such an important way to support our programs and will therefore include special recognition of each Dinner Host at the Virtual Gala. The Dinner Host Sponsorship includes 6 catered dinners.

3. What will the dinner include?

The catered dinner will include a delicious 3-course meal, wine, and a delicious dessert.

4. Can I get more dinners if I have 10 people that I'd like to host?

Yes, definitely, more dinners can be purchased for \$250 each. This is a great way to support NDI New Mexico and to share our mission with your friends.

5. And what are my options for my guests?

- a. You may pick up all the dinners at the Preshow Drive-Thru Celebration and (if you are comfortable and maintain COVID-safe protocols) host your guests at your home to enjoy dinner as you watch the Virtual Gala, or
- b. You may pick up all the dinners and then deliver them to your guests, or
- c. You may invite your guests to pick up their dinners and experience the fun of the Preshow Drive-Thru Celebration.

6. What if I don't want all 6 dinners? I only want 4.

That's fine, just let us know when you RSVP.

7. I'm vegetarian, will there be a vegetarian dinner option?

Yes, definitely.

8. How long will it take for me to drive through, experience the different stations and pick up my dinners?

We are still working out all the details, and we will have Drive-Thru rehearsals to ensure smooth traffic flow scheduling.

9. Will I stay in my car?

Yes, you will slowly drive in a queue from station to station.

10. How will I know what time I can come?

We will let you know your pickup time the week of May 8. The window of pick up will probably be 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m..

It is important that we have good contact information for you, preferably both a phone and email so we can let you know about any changes. Please send any contact information updates to:

- Santa Fe – Jenna Kloeppe jkloeppe@ndi-nm.org 505.270.5394
- ABQ – Myers Godwin mgodwin@ndi-nm.org 505.340.0213

11. Can I still watch the Virtual Gala event if I don't buy a dinner?

Yes, definitely! Watching the event is free, and everyone is invited. The gala raises most of its money through sponsorships and the live appeal donations, and this Preshow Drive Thru Celebration helps us with both of those. By being a Dinner Host, you help make the event successful, and your guests will feel encouraged to give when they watch the Virtual Gala.

12. If I have 6 people at my house for a Virtual Gala viewing party, how will they be able to contribute during the event?

Text-to-give is a new option this year, so it will be easy for all to respond to the appeal at the Virtual Gala.

13. Can I watch the Virtual Gala on my phone or tablet?

Yes, but we recommend watching it on the big screen, in fact, the bigger, the better. The cinematic quality will be superior and will really add to the complete *Brand New Day* experience.

14. I have a question that is not listed here. Who can I contact to get more information?

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Thank you!