

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

Accessibility Guide for the 2026 Fraser Gala

presented by The Duane and Lynda Jergenson Family Foundation

We are excited to celebrate with you at the 2026 Fraser Gala presented by The Duane and Lynda Jergenson Family Foundation, where we will come together to support Fraser's mission. This elegant evening will include a cocktail hour and sit-down dinner with live music and inspiring testimonials, followed by a vibrant after-party with music and dancing. We are committed to ensuring every guest feels comfortable, supported, and included.

Below is all the information you need to enjoy the evening:

ARRIVAL AND PARKING

There are two self-parking options available: an underground parking garage and a surface parking lot. Valet parking and a drop-off area are also available. Parking vouchers will be sent digitally to registered attendees a few days before the event. You may show your parking voucher digitally or bring a printed copy.

Underground Parking: The attached underground parking garage has two levels, P1 and P2. The garage entrance is located on 5th Street off Washington Avenue. When you arrive, show your parking voucher to the ramp attendant. After parking, follow signs to the elevators and take the elevator to the Hotel Lobby. From the lobby, follow event signage toward the Depot Pavilion.

Surface Parking: An on-site surface parking lot is also available. Guests can enter the hotel through a designated entrance and follow event signage toward the Depot Pavilion.

Accessible Parking: Accessible parking spaces are available in both parking areas.

Valet & Drop-Off: Valet parking and a drop-off area are available at the Renaissance Hotel entrance near Washington Avenue and 3rd Avenue.



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ATTIRE

Dress code: Formal, semi-formal, or cocktail attire. Examples include suits, blazers, shirts and ties, knee-length to floor-length dresses, jumpsuits, skirts and blouses, and more.

Theme: This year's theme, SOAR, celebrates what's possible with the right support at the right time. The gala will feature an aviation-inspired theme, and guests are welcome to embrace SOAR with black, gold, deep purple, or other rich jewel tones, or wear general gala attire. For inspiration, check out our:

[SOAR blog post](#)

[Pinterest board](#)

CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION:

Upon arrival, please proceed to the registration desk located near the ballroom entrance. Here, you will check in, receive your table number, and gather additional information about the event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. - Cocktail hour and silent auction in the Great Hall

6:30 p.m. - Dinner begins in the Depot Pavilion

7:00 p.m. - Program begins

8:30 p.m. - After-party in the Great Northern Room

10:00 p.m. - Event ends

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Cocktail Hour: Drinks and passed hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Great Hall. Non-alcoholic beverages will be complimentary, with alcoholic beverages available for purchase.

Dinner Service: Dinner will be served at your table. If you need specific seating or assistance during the meal, please let our staff know when you arrive.



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Special Dietary Needs: The dinner menu includes a vegetarian selection and options for guests with dietary restrictions, including gluten-free and dairy-free choices. Please let us know about any specific dietary needs by contacting Kimberly.Sankey@fraser.org prior to the event.

Hors d'Oeuvres

- Loaded baked potato bites (gluten-free)
- Argentinian steak chimichurri (gluten-free, dairy-free)
- Blackened chicken, chipotle gouda on plantain chip with garlic aioli (gluten-free)
- Spiced pickled melon brochette (vegan, gluten-free)

Salad

- Apple salad - fire-roasted apple, baby kale greens, candied walnuts (gluten-free, dairy-free; contains nuts)
- Cheddar dressing (gluten-free)
- Cider vinaigrette (gluten-free, dairy-free)

Duet Plated Dinner

- Short rib, Milanese (gluten-free, dairy-free)
- Rosemary chicken, lingonberry demi (gluten-free)
- Yukon mashed potatoes (gluten-free)
- Mixed vegetables (gluten-free, dairy-free)



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Vegetarian Entrée

- Eggplant rotini (gluten-free, vegetarian)
- Nine cheeses, marinara

Desserts – Trio

- Flourless chocolate torte (gluten-free)
- Passion fruit panna cotta
- Key lime trifle

GETTING HELP ONSITE

Event Staff: Our trained staff and volunteers are available to assist you throughout the evening. Look for individuals wearing blue Fraser shirts.

Registration Desk: The registration desk, located near the ballroom entrance, will have additional information and be equipped to assist with accessibility needs.

HEARING ACCOMMODATIONS

Live Captioning: Live captioning will be displayed on screens during the program to support guests with hearing or processing needs.

ASL Interpretation: ASL interpreters will be available during the program to support guests who use American Sign Language.

MOBILITY ASSISTANCE

Seating and Table Arrangements: All dinner tables can be arranged to accommodate wheelchairs and mobility devices. Please inform us at registration if you need assistance.

Wheelchair Access: The entire venue is wheelchair accessible, including the restrooms, ballroom, cocktail area, and after-party dance floor. Elevators are available in the parking garage, and ramps are available at entrances.



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PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAS

Flash Photography: We will make every effort to limit the use of flash photography during the event to help minimize sensory discomfort.

A Fraser staff photographer will be capturing moments throughout the event. If you prefer not to have your photo taken, please let us know, and we will do our best to respect your wishes.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Program guides and auction booklets will be available in digital format for all guests. If you need help accessing them during the event, please ask a staff member for assistance.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located near the Great Hall, Depot Pavilion, and Great Northern Room.

Automatic Toilets and Hand Dryers: All restrooms are equipped with automatic toilets and hand dryers. Earplugs and headphones will be available for use.

Accessible Restrooms: ADA-compliant, wheelchair-accessible restrooms are available and clearly marked with signage. A single-use, gender-neutral restroom is also available for guests requiring additional privacy.

SENSORY STIMULI

The gala will include live music, dancing, speakers, and other entertainment throughout the evening. Some parts of the event may be more sensory stimulating than others. Guests may experience:

Loud Music and Live Band: Live performances may feature loud music that could be overwhelming for some guests.

Live Entertainment and Dancing: Dancing and live entertainment may add movement and energy, creating a visually stimulating atmosphere.



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Bright and Flashing Lights: Guests may experience bright, colorful, or flashing lights as part of the event's lighting effects.

Microphone Use: Speakers will use microphones, which can amplify sound and may result in sudden increases in volume.

Conversations: Mingling and conversations among guests can increase the overall sound level.

Busy Environment: Parts of the event will have a bustling atmosphere, with many people sharing the space.

SENSORY SUPPORTS

Sensory Room: This room is designated as a quiet take-a-break space, offering dim lighting, comfortable seating, and sensory tools for guests who may need a peaceful break from the event's activities.

Sensory Kits: Kits containing fidgets, headphones, and other sensory tools will be available at the registration desk.

Earplugs: Earplugs will be available at the registration table and on the dinner tables.

Assistance: Staff will be available at registration to assist with additional sensory needs.

Dinner Program Seating: If you require seating in a quieter part of the room or prefer to sit farther from the speakers or performers, please indicate this when you RSVP or upon check-in.

SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, AND FUND-A-NEED

The evening will include three optional fundraising opportunities:

Silent Auction: Guests can browse auction items and place bids electronically during the silent auction. You may bid on as many items as you would like. When the silent auction closes, the highest bidder for each item wins and agrees to pay their final bid amount.



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Live Auction: An auctioneer will introduce select items or experiences one at a time. Guests bid against one another by raising their bid number as the auctioneer calls out increasing amounts. The highest bidder wins the item and agrees to pay the final bid amount.

Fund-a-Need: This is a direct donation to support Fraser's mission rather than a competition for an item. The auctioneer will announce different giving levels, and guests who wish to donate can raise their bid number at their chosen amount. Multiple guests may donate at each level.

Participation in all fundraising activities is completely optional.



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