## GUEST PANEL OF MARRIED COUPLES Panel Questions (optional)

1. How did you know that your spouse was "the one"? 2. How did you decide to get married? 3. Why did you decide to get married rather than live together? 4. What was your wedding like? 5. What did your marriage vows mean to you? 6. What were some things that changed in your relationship after you married? 7. What were your biggest challenges in the early days of your marriage? How did you handle those challenges? 8. How do you deal with conflict? 9. How do you handle finances in your family? 10. What do you think are some of the characteristics of successful marriages? What do you think has to be in place for a relationship to last? 11. Has your marriage fit your fantasy of the "ideal" marriage? 12. How do you deal with a former spouse? 13. How do you deal with extended family members? 14. Have you ever considered divorce? 15. How do you deal with a blended family (yours, mine, and ours)? For those of you who have children outside of the marriage, how do you deal with the child's other parent? 16. What material things did you have when you got married? What have you acquired since you got married? 17. How do you think your life would be different if you hadn't gotten married?

18. How different would your children's lives be if you were not married?