

To Parents, Gymnasts, Staff, and Friends,

First I would like to thank each and every one of you for your participation in the 1st of hopefully many successful Classic for the Cure gymnastics events. While everyone was thanking me and telling me how great it was, I could not have done it without all of your work, support, and efforts as individuals and as a team. I am truly humbled by this entire experience.

When I first starting planning my invitational 10+ years ago I never imagined that it would be as great as this past weekend turned out to be. We surpassed every thought I had.

To the set-up and take down crew...a HUGE thank you! We rolled with the issues in set-up and put forth a great meet layout. As for take down, that has to be some kind of record! 2 hours with 1 freight elevator!

To the workers throughout the weekend ranging from Admissions to Merchandise and everything in-between also a HUGE thank you! It was nice to see so many people working towards a common goal. I think we learned many good things and bad things about what to do and not to do at future events. I am exhausted, but excited about the future of this event based on what I saw!

To my meet Managers John, Karen, and Terry, wow thank you! Taking everything I threw at you for the months leading up to the event and the thousands of things I threw at you this weekend. It was nice to know that I had great people running down the issues in the front of the house. I know that going forward collectively we have hundreds of ways to improve this event!

To my committee chair people thank you very much for your planning and preparation. It was nice to see that people took control of their areas and ran with it. I know some areas got a later start than others, but I am pleased and impressed with all of your work, thoughts, and motivation to get things done. I am looking forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts for making these items better for next year!

To the AGA Staff and Coaches...WOW, you guys and gals stepped up in a HUGE way. I really don't have the words to express my appreciation for the COUNTLESS hours you put in this weekend on the competition floor. From running down the scores to jumping in where needed and let's not forget COACHING at the same time this was truly a proud moment to call you my

staff! I say it every year at the banquet and I could never mean it any more than now, you are truly 2nd to NONE!

To the gymnasts who worked this weekend...I could not have run such a smooth meet without you. Sitting in those chairs and punching in scores and keeping the times moving the way you did, you girls did fantastic. I know you don't hear it often but you did great and I TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

To the gymnasts who competed this weekend. FANTASTIC JOB! We saw some fantastic gymnastics at all levels of competition. We had gymnasts from Nebraska, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and NEW JERSEY! It was a great competition and fun to watch!

To the coaches who put in the countless hours training your gymnasts, and of course this weekend at the event. I owe you all a BIG THANK YOU, since ultimately it was YOUR decision to attend the Classic for the Cure!

To all our guests and gymnasts parents, thank you for your patronage. I was able to speak with some of you individually and your kind words and support of this event mean a lot to me and all of us at AGA. Your daughters did fantastic this weekend and you should all be very proud of their performances! We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Classic for the Cure!

To the judges who officiated and kept us ON TIME (in spite of the somewhat LARGE sessions)! Thank you very much for your diligence, long hours, and great scoring. It was a pleasure working with all of you this past weekend.

To my alumni Rachel, Jill, and Laura - WOW it was great having you there! It is very touching to me that you care so much about the AGA family and the cause that we fought for that you went out of your way to help us out!

To my 2 partners in crime Patty and Rachael. Again, I am speechless. For the first time truly working together in this capacity we functioned as a seamless team. From issue management to coach and registration issues, things were handled without a hitch. I owe the 2 of you a very special thank you and I am grateful that you were part of this with me.

To Brett Jensen, Steve Hass, and Frank "THE TRAINER" thank you for your support and fantastic assistance. Our equipment showed up on time, in great shape, and was set-up with great ease (barring the logistics on our end). As far as announcers go, Steve made running this meet super easy for me. He

was a jack of all trades from Awards to music to anything we needed. While the injuries were few, Frank was on top of any and all needs. It was reassuring to have someone with his competence on hand to take care of the athletes. So to Brett from DGS and Steve from Woodward, and Frank...THANK YOU!

To our guest vendors the Pampered Chef, Route 18 Sports, Juice Plus, Woodward Camp, National Gymnastics Training Camp, and Tom Sperduto thank you for being a part of this event. I hope your experience and time with us was rewarding.

To Shawn and Terry Johnson and very special thank you. It was a pleasure meeting you and spending some time with you throughout the day on Saturday. I speak for all of us when I say thank you and best of luck chasing down a few more Gold in 2012 at the London Games!

To our numerous sponsors HUGE Thank you for your financial assistance in getting the Classic for the Cure off the ground! Storm Financial, Synchronoss, Medical Action Industries, Magnetic Analysis Corporation, National Gymnastics Training Camp, Woodward Camp, Staten Island Power Sports, Pampered Chef, Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch, Sarabella Creations, O'Donnell Insurance, Astro Sweep, Palm Tree Group, Kazan International Search Agency, MDSI Inc., the Shevlin Family, Lancome, "FRIENDS of AGA", and all the boosters!

On a personal note a very very special thank you to my family. My wife, who is due to give birth any day was there in support of this event from the beginning and managed to even hang around the event and chip in where she could, even with my 2 other rug rats running around. My father and mother for also being great role players and pitching in whenever and wherever we needed them. My brother-in-law who was there throughout the weekend providing help and support in a variety of tasks from set-up to takedown and everything in-between. My cousin drove in from Boston to help us out as well, and it was very touching to have all of you involved with me in this event.

Last but not least, to my sister Robin, who as you all now know was my inspiration for the Classic for the Cure. I am sure that her presence alone was an inspiration to many, and hopefully this event will grow in time and the money we raise can help find a cure!

So with these final words of thanks to ALL of those who were involved in this event, I would personally like to say, Thank you for making the 2009 Classic

for the Cure the HUGE success it was. Without ANY and ALL of you this would not have been possible. See you all next year!

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