

CVS/pharmacy NYC weekend and Good Morning America [GMA] grand prize winner announcement.

What an awesome privilege to be one of the finalists in the CVS/pharmacy “For All The Ways You Care” contest 2009.

As the finalists gathered in New York City each of us were amazed that we were chosen as a finalist out of 4200 entries. The experiences of the weekend were exhausting but beyond awesome! We were treated as celebrities. Here are a few highlights:

- Daily elegant dining in awesome restaurants sitting with other finalists, CVS & Weber Shandwick employees as well as various other people -- getting to know them all.
- I was eating an hors d’oeuvre with my pinky finger somewhat up. A gentleman came up to introduce himself while my right hand had the hors d’oeuvre and my pinky finger up. His pinky and my pinky connected as we greeted. We laughed a bit about that “hand shake.” Later I asked someone who that was and I was told – he’s the President of CVS/pharmacy – Larry Merto. Oops! However, every time we saw each other thereafter we “pinky” greeted! He certainly is very down to earth person.
- After leaving the “Green Room” [which wasn’t green] on Good Morning America, we were waiting in line to enter the stage area. Diane Sawyer came out and greeted us. When she saw Jonathan she immediately went to him and gave him a big hug which he gave her an even bigger hug in return. After she greeted the others and was returning to the stage area she stopped once more and hugged Jonathan. Wish I had a camera!!!! [We had to leave the cell phones and cameras in the green room.]
- Everyone loved Jonathan. At the last elegant dinner each finalist was introduced by the President of CVS/pharmacy. When he introduced me, Jonathan [while in his chair] gave a cheer. Larry, the president, said, Jonathan you can stand up too. Everyone cheered and applauded. Jonathan glowed! We weren’t the grand prize winner but that moment was awesome!

Speaking of the grand prize winner -- Before the announcement many of the finalists were trying to decide who the grand prize winner was going to be and most of us thought it would be Pat Pumphret of Mass. and sure enough, it was. You can go to www.forallthewaysyoucare.com and view her deserving story and all the other finalists’ stories.

The other nine finalists were awarded \$10,000 each. That in itself was awesome! We were honored to be a part of this contest.

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