

It's the night of February 19th, 2009, and the next day was the day that I had been planning for with the help of my angels for a LONG time! Finishing the words I wanted to say the next day for when I looked out in the crowd to see all of the people that had come together for my dream, I knew that when I saw everyone sitting there listening to what I had to say, I would be in complete awe and I really wanted everyone to know how awesome they are.



When I finally finished everything I went up to bed and watched some shows but when I looked into the TV, I didn't see what was going on. I looked and saw all my dreams and thoughts and visions of what would happen the next day. It was finally going to happen!



I woke up the next morning to my alarm. That was one of those days that you have to wake up early but hearing your alarm is so awesome, because you are just so excited for everything to come. I got up and out. My friends and I spent the day getting ready and by 1 o'clock, my family had shown up.



It felt like no time at all until it was time to leave to head off to the Grandview. The whole ride there, I still couldn't believe that this was the day that my dream was coming true. Once I got there I knew it was real. I saw all of the cars, and the people I loved the most were there to greet me. I walked into the ballroom and saw all of the purple decorations and it was better than I ever imagined. It was amazing.



The lights dimmed and everyone started entering the room. It was just so beautiful! My favorite song by Jason Mraz started playing, and Keryl started welcoming everyone. I walked into the room and saw everyone sitting there, A LOT of people! I finally got to thank everyone for making my dream come true. I was so happy to have this opportunity. I recognized everyone that made the night so magical and raffled off the beautiful diamond and amethyst butterfly necklace.

And then Keryl started talking about a surprise for me, and John Paradiso came up with a box in his hands. He opened the box and told me that he made one for me this! Again, something that I couldn't believe.



Then she was talking about something else!!!! Next Andrew Seistrup came up and sang a song, an amazing song called *Aiden's Song*. I was in tears. This was just so incredible that this



was all actually happening! After the dinner portion was done, it was time for some fun!

The music started, and people started dancing and going to the photo booth and oxygen bar. I tried to say 'hi' to everyone and thank them for coming, but at the end of the night, I found that I just could not get to everyone because there were so many people there, which was actually an incredible feeling!



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When it was time to go, it didn't really seem over. The whole night was just better than anyone, including myself, ever expected. When I got home, it all felt like a dream, like it never happened. But in my heart I still knew that it did. I knew, because thanks to the party and all of the Aiden's Angel's, Beating Lupus donated a total of **\$16,000** to help other people.



Now once I do something that reminds me of my party, I get a feeling of accomplishment. I love that feeling that you know you did something really good for another person. Together we helped not one, but many. When I look at something that has a purple butterfly, or just people all dressed up, I feel amazing. And when I look at pictures or send a note to someone that was there, I always get that feeling. It started out as a dream that turned out amazing, but I know that it was just the beginning, just a glimpse of the future.



One person that we all have to thank, Keryl Pesce: you are the most amazing person that I have ever met. Beating Lupus would have been nothing like this if it wasn't for you. You are my Angel. If everyone in the world had someone like you with them, they would be inspired to do something amazing. You are the glue to my whole world!

