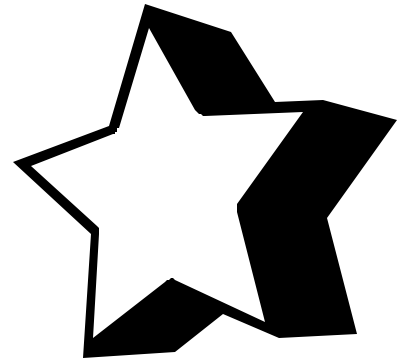


Guiding Star Award

As presented to Gail Hunt
At the
2004 Destination ImagiNation of New York
State Finals Tournament



This is the first time our State has honored anyone with this new and very special NY Special Award. We call it a "Guiding Star" award because it is only given to those that truly light the way for all of us. They are the one's that provide stability and leadership in our ever changing program.

The award will not be offered every year – it is only offered when an overwhelming body of evidence exists in support of a nomination. There are many in this audience today that who have given selflessly to our organization and the students it serves. The person we are honoring today simply astounds us with the volume of time, effort and love they have given.

Our Honoree was a Team Manager, a Regional Director, a Tournament Director, a NY-DI Board member, a trainer and one of the Founders of our New York organization. Always the first to offer a helping hand our honoree truly made it possible for NY-DI to hold a tournament in the central part of our state for four years. This person did all this while facing the daily challenges of family, home, illnesses, floods in her home and the loss of a parent. She never complained – instead our honoree simply continued to do what was possible to make sure that all of the kids in DI in NY had everything they needed.

Our honoree moved out of state this year and I have to say that NY-DI is still trying to find our way without her! When the word went out that we needed help with this tournament our special honoree got on a plan and came home to help. She is easy to recognize – she is the volunteer that is the first one on site and the last one to leave. She always has a moment for someone when they need her, she always find the energy to do that one more thing.

She is a blessing on our organization and to those who are lucky enough to know her personally. She is the hero in the background that makes sure that you can shine in the spotlight... and it's time for her to have her moment in the spotlight to shine....

Please help me in offering our NY-DI thanks to one of the people instrumental in making the dream of NY-DI a reality..... Gail Hunt