

Thank you, Ruth and Hy-Vee, for donating your check to the American Red Cross in recognition of TLC. I am very honored.

I am grateful to the American Red Cross, UNICEF, Habitat for Humanity, Save the Children, the Salvation Army, and all the other organizations that are on the front lines helping hurricane survivors every day.

Before we start the conference call, I have a few more important thank yous to make:

First, I want to thank Hy-Vee and Ruth Comer for jumping on board to help TLC with posters, ads and trick or treat bags. You would think a company of your size would need MANY meetings to make a decision to help, but you decided right on the spot. You are a great, great company, and you have our loyalty FOREVER!

I want to thank my Mom and Dad, because everyone has ideas, but it takes special parents to truly believe in your ideas and make them happen.

I even want to thank my little brother, Zander, for being our Chief Operating Nemesis. I think it was Zander that got us on the TODAY SHOW! True to his job, he did not collect a single coin on Halloween!

To the press—I know you are here to REPORT the story and not BE the story, but today you are both, because how could I NOT thank all of you—

W.O.I, W.H.O., K.C.C.I., Fox, Mac McCoy, Colleen, W.H.O. radio, and our wonderful newspapers, THE DES MOINES REGISTER, WAUKEE TODAY and the PRESS CITIZEN.

By reporting the story, you put the message out that ANYone can be SOMEone, and make a difference—even me. Thank you for that gift.

To Anne Ginther, a TLC mom and advisor—we say that you were the "breath" of TLC. You kept TLC small enough to inspire any child, and big enough to inspire any adult. We treasure you.

To Governor Tom Vilsack and the citizens of Iowa, and especially to the city of Waukee-- you made me VERY proud to be part of a STATE and CITY capable of giving such AMAZING support to their children.

To my school, the Academy, thank you for being part of TEAM TLC. You are awesome. I especially thank Kathy Ricker, my principal, for being incredibly supportive of this project. You always do your very best, and then some.

To Grandma, thank you for the GREAT costume! I really felt like a quarter, and I love you!

I also want to thank Grant Christian and his family for letting us put the TLC starting line on their front lawn on beggar's night. You are one super great family!

Lastly, I want to thank UNICEF for letting us use their national conference line today. I look forward to being the best National Youth Ambassador UNICEF ever had, even if I am the first.

Let's roll!