

Good evening everyone. It is truly a pleasure and an honor to be part of this celebration in honor of Sheryl Marshall. She has been my friend for almost 10 years now—a friend whose joyous laugh, and heartfelt sympathy and support have sustained me and so many others. You know, when I looked at the guest list for tonight, I couldn't help but think—who else but Sheryl could bring together such a stellar and diverse group. Senior executives from insurance, health care, management consulting, money management, and high tech; non-profit execs. and philanthropists; state and national political figures; authors and management consultants; black and white; ~~Jews and non-Jews~~^y—and I'm just talking about the women. Truly Sheryl has a unique gift for bringing us together around a cause, to glimpse a new financial opportunity, and, sometimes, just to go shopping. Sheryl, to paraphrase a television celebrity, “You are the strongest link.”

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