

## 2019 Party with a Purpose | Spoken Word Sponsor Recognition

This is where we usually thank the sponsors for their support of All Hands Raised, but when I looked at the list, I realized that I, personally, had a reason to thank every single one of these companies. So I asked Jeanie-Marie if I could thank them for what they did for me. She said I could if I kept it under 2 and a half minutes. So here goes:

Thanks to **Bank of America** for being my bank for 21 years, and for the emails that say "Your balance is below your chosen alert limit," but what they're really saying is, "Maybe you don't need to order another Mac lipstick that's just a half shade different from the 12 other Mac lipsticks you never wear." Thanks for caring about me, **Bank of America**.

Thank you to the **Trail Blazers** for their unbelievable talent and for giving me something to do with the men I dated that I had nothing else in common with. Thanks, also for your arms for giving me something to daydream about while they talked about HIPAA compliance during halftime.

And speaking of HIPAA compliance, I'd like to thank **United Healthcare** for helping me out that time I got all those frozen peas stuck up my nose, and for keeping it between us.

Thanks to **PepsiCo** and Diet Pepsi for getting me through college. Older and wiser, now I just kick back a cold **Bubly**. Times they are a changin'.

Thanks to the **Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters** for telling me not to build a 40-foot cattery in my backyard and just walk my cat on a leash and to **Bridgetown Wealth Management** for helping me save for the cattery when I realized how humiliating it is to walk a cat on a leash. Also thanks to **FLIR** systems for lending me the thermal imaging camera to find my cat after she freed herself from the leash because she was more humiliated than me. To **New Seasons Market** for the artisanal cat treats we used to lure her in, to **Providence Health and Services** AND **Kaiser Permanente** for the emergency room visits after trying to get her back on the leash, to **Cambia Health Solutions** for helping me pay the bills and to **Stoller Family Estate** and **Tillamook** cheese for calming me down, and the **Donis family** and the **King Family** for taking me in while I healed physically and emotionally.

Thanks to the **Hood to Coast Race series** for helping me train to run away from my cat faster, to **The PGE Foundation** for lighting the way as I train at night, **The Greenbriar Company** for manufacturing the rail car I will eventually jump on to escape her for good, to **R/West** for their help on my new documentary, "Mauled: Housecats Unleashed," to the **Metropolitan Group** for their help with my new nonprofit that provides protective gear to those at risk for housecat maulings, to **Wells Fargo** and **JP Morgan Chase & Company** for funding it, And to the **NWEA** for considering my new curriculum: "How to Safely Own a Cat if You Are a Human."

And, finally, huge thanks to **Portland Business Journal** and **Portland Monthly** for not publishing photos of the weird frozen pea situation or me with my angry cat on my head. I owe you all so much.