THANK-YOU!!

for helping to make the 2nd Annual N.B.T.A. "Battle of the Berkshires" Benefit Contest a <u>SUCCESS!</u>

"The Battle of the Berkshires" ALL TROPHY* benefit contest held in Springfield, MA, on November 4, 2001, raised <u>twelve hundred and fifty-five dollars</u> for Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

*per NBTA rules—medals were awarded for Novice

18 teams and 97 twirlers from Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, and Maine took to the floor in friendly competition to raise money for the **Jimmy Fund**. The event proved to be an excellent warm-up contest for the New York and Massachusetts State Contests with a practice gym connected to the main gym.

The highlight of the day was a twirl-off of all first place solo winners in the Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner, Novice levels for the **2001 Battle of the Berkshires Twirl-Off** trophies. The twirl-off champions of the day were:

- Alyssa Kane--advanced
- Sarah Gemme—intermediate
- Tiffany Waller—beginner
- Kristen Hewett—novice

NBTA judges who volunteered their services were:

- Major Margie Gilbert
- Elaine Kane
- Tara Lagomarsino
- Holly Morin
- Barbara Paine
- Cathy Senecal

Awards were donated by:

- Melissa Gaffney
- Alvssa Kane
- Kristi & Kelly Kupras
- Tracy Mernin
- Holly & George Morin

We would like to thank all who donated services or goods, all participants, and the teachers who supported this contest so early in their twirling season.

Sincerely,
Tracey Gangi and Barbara Kupras
Co-Directors