

## Up to the Challenge

# Being in Knoxville has Extra Special Meaning for One Nebraska Team Member

Many teams at Global Finals have overcome obstacles large and small to get here. Broken props and broken-down team vans, sick team members and members who had to move away in the middle of the year. But overcoming these obstacles makes being at Global Finals all the sweeter.

For one team member, however, being in Knoxville this year holds a special meaning.

Susannah Major, whose team from La Vista Junior High School in Papillion, Nebraska, competes in the *Cartoon DIMensions* Challenge, looks at being here in a different light. It was the Knoxville competition, 13

years ago, that was her mother's last.

Mary Major coached Nebraska's creative problem-solving teams for six years. She took each team to state and three to this highest level of competition. The last trip Mary took with her team to this level of competition was to Knoxville in 1991.

Mary was diagnosed with cancer in 1990 but continued to coach, and her team made it to Knoxville that school year. She even drove the school van to get here. She died in 1994.

Her daughter, Susannah, now 13 years old, and Susannah's dad, Jaime, are particularly proud that

not only has Susannah's team made it Global Finals, but also Susannah is in the same place her mother was with her last team.

"Mary believed in the principles of DI so strongly," said Jaime Major. "She thought it was such a worthwhile program for kids, and it is. When I look back on it, I just can't believe she did it. What a woman!"

Best of luck, Susannah and La Vista Junior High School.

# The Great Wall of Creativity!

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The Really Big Duct Tape Thing (RBDTT) starts today! Your team can show its creativity by decorating the plywood "wall" located behind the University Center on Andy Holt Avenue from 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. We want to decorate the wall "DI style," so we need your help! Bring a part of your creative Solution, bits of your Props, and of course, lots of Duct tape, to attach to the wall. And don't forget your camera!

