

Farewell from Shelly Loose "Ms Wheelchair Michigan 2007"

This has been an experience like none other. I have learned and grown and made memories that will be treasured! I wanted to wear my crown and sash as much as possible, because I knew it would only be for one year, I had one year to spread the word and let all women with disabilities know that they too can have a "Watch Me" attitude. My year as Ms. Wheelchair Michigan 2007 included many appearances, parades, interviews, school and hospital visits, fundraising, and having the privilege of representing Michigan at the National Ms. Wheelchair America pageant in Bethesda, Maryland. I made my first official appearance the day after being crowned, and my last, the day before ending my reign.



What an adventure this has been - as I come to the close of my reign I am taking time to reflect on the many people I have met, the appearances I have made, and the thousands of miles traveled!

I have learned so much about myself. I have "rolled" out of my comfort zone and learned that I can be a voice for people with disabilities. I can be a role model for other people, as they decide to overcome their own struggles. I can make my family, friends and supporters, as well as, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ proud of the life I have lived and the example I have set!



I am so glad that I will continue to have an active and vital role as state coordinator. I want to help this program continue to move forward, to help all women. I will help build public relations, plan the pageants, find future contestants, and assist the titleholders to make the most of their time. I also look forward to working with the Board of Ms. Wheelchair America and possibly bringing the

National Pageant to Grand Rapids. I consider myself a professional volunteer and Ms. Wheelchair Michigan, Inc. has become a blessing and passion in my life.

