BRIDAL SHOWER SPEECH

FOR

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Hi everyone!! I am really so happy to see all of you!! I just wanted to say a few words and thank each one of you for being here today and for sharing this amazing time with me. It’s been said that a real friend walks in when others walk out…. Wellllll guess what? With the exception of one or two that may have had to “powder her nose,” and it looks like I’m one of the luckiest girls on the planet!! You all literally walked in to share in “The Adventures of Diana and Matt.” As I look around the room and see your smiling faces, each one lights a light within me that confirms just how blessed I am. I hear there’s a great meal and some special festivities planned…. hmmmm… but before the good stuff begins, there are some people I want to acknowledge.

Amanda, my best friend of seven years, my maid of honor, my confidante, my alter ego… thank you for being the best darn girlfriend anyone could ever wish for. You’re fun, feisty, and tough… but loving, and I have no idea where I would be without your encouragement. Thank you for always having my back…. and a special thanks for being there to **calm me down** (**if you want to make a joke you can say**)… I know… most people already figured out that I’m pretty low key (**and wait for the** **laugh)**

To my beautiful bridesmaids, Stephanie, Krista, Jackie, Monica and Alessia… How could I have gotten this far with the planning, the wrapping, the shopping, the bit~~…..~~(**if you think it’s appropriate, start to say “bitch” but don’t finish the word**). You always managed to take time from your busy schedules to lend a hand, wrap all of those presents, try on all of those dresses, prepare all of those shower games and prizes…. yes, ladies… I said festivities, didn’t I?? (**Wait for the laugh**). Each one of you was the picture of grace through all of the headaches and paces I put you through that come with the territory of being a bridesmaid. If I could award each one of you the “**Golden Extra Strength Tylenol**” award, I would (**If there’s another more popular headache remedy you can think of, name that instead**). I l**ove** you guys!!

To Cathy, You gave birth to and raised Matt!! That would have been enough… and on top of it, you’ve organized this amazing shower. Ladies, everything you see around you is because of the incredible skills, taste, and hard work that Cathy devoted to this celebration. Cathy, you have made this a shower to end all showers!! It’s like no other and I am flattered, humbled and thrilled that it absolutely screams my personality and all of the things I love. Your amazing ideas, creativity and gift for organization is an inspiration to behold and I am honored and humbled that all you’ve done not only for this party, but for everything, truly makes me feel accepted as a daughter. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To my wonderful mother, Maria. You have always been my guiding light and my inspiration … and let’s face it… I am here because of you. **REALLY**. I want to thank you for helping with the shower and for organizing, well, **EVERYTHING**. You’re my rock, my conscience and my teacher. I want you to know that I love and appreciate you more than you’ll ever know, and for all you’ve done and taught me… (**If you want to make a little joke you can say**) and I’m sure Matt would agree with **THAT!!** (**Wait for the laugh**). I have to say that although I cannot wait to be married to Matt and begin our life together, I have no idea how I will get along without your wisdom, your humor, and your cooking…. yes, I know, I have to work on that!! (**Wait for the laugh**). I hope you realize I’ll be calling you every day… maybe several times a day… asking you how to do things before Matt gets home!!

To the two most important women in my life, Mom and Cathy, I have some special tokens of my love and appreciation. I know these gifts are not anything grand or extravagant, but they are given from my heart and I hope each time you glance at what’s in the box, or use it, or think of it, I hope you think of me and the love I have for each one of you.

There’s nothing in life like female friends and relationships and I am blessed to have so many in my life and in this room. I want to thank all of you for being here and sharing this time with me. Relax, enjoy yourselves, eat and have some fun and I can’t wait to see all of you at the wedding!!