

THANK YOU HOWARD DEAN, FOR SHOWING US THE WAY!

✖ When I went to Cedar Rapids to work for Howard Dean in 2004 (when he was still leading in the polls), we moshed him outside of the Jeff-Jack Dinner. But I didn't ask for a photo.

When I went to an ACLU fund-raiser with Dean later that year, I didn't ask for a photo.

When I went to a another fund-raiser with him in MI, I didn't ask for a photo.

When I saw him speak at YearlyKos, I didn't ask for a photo.

Last night, I got my first photo with Dean (It's a pity I look so crappy).

It was at the Netroots Nation ball. I was coming out of the ladies room and someone ran up and said: Howard Dean is at the top of the steps! Like he was a rock star ... which, in this crowd, he is.

For some reason, I wanted a picture this time, with the man who got us to where we are today. I ran up the stairs (and promptly found my friend from MI, whom I met on the Dean campaign). We moved close to get a picture. But one after another person pulled him away to get a picture. A staffer of his started moving him towards the stage. Someone, I'm not sure who, was standing nearby with that staffer's coat. "Give it to me," I said.

I went up, leaned over to the staffer, said, "I've got your coat. But I want to get a picture with Dean so I can put it on the front page of FDL." Dean started to turn around at that point—I don't think Dean even heard the last bit ... "so we can bitch about Rahm."

In response to the first bit: "I want to get a picture so I can put it on the front page of

FDL," Howard Dean said, "Oh, I've got time for **that.**"

So, for FDL, this is my picture with the man who did so much to get us where we are today.

Thank you Howard Dean, for showing us the way forward!