



Kristin Smedley

Transforming Lives Out of Darkness...
and Into Greatness!

"LIFE IS FUNNY... SORT OF." Kristin Smedley is an award winning non profit leader, speaker, and up and coming author - but she never planned on any of that. Kristin did plan to be a really great third grade teacher, however her personal path to greatness took an unexpected turn when two of her three children were diagnosed as blind. She had to learn the tools of blindness and build a team of experts that would help her navigate this path that she had not been trained for. Kristin's two blind sons are now thriving as gifted high school and middle school students, elected student council officials, baseball championship winners, International Braille competition finalists, and social butterflies.

In 2011, Kristin founded the Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation, the only patient organization in the world for her sons' blindness, CRB1 LCA/RP. In less than five years Kristin has led the CRBF to raise over \$1 Million, introduced the first ever legislation in the United States in Braille, and has moved rare eye diseases from rarely talked about to being discussed in key circles.

Kristin enjoys speaking about her journey and pointing out where she can find the **fun** in fundamentally challenging situations life delivers. Kristin's inspirational and humorous style leaves audiences of all sizes wanting to hear more.

Featured Speaker

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What they're saying about Kristin...

"It was amazing having Kristin here speaking tonight. She is energetic, can think on her feet and she is witty. Make sure if you need someone to speak at your event, you get her!" **Arrington Crawford, Philadelphia Teen Fashion Week**

"Kristin is a passionate advocate for rare eye diseases. She is a recognized leader and often sought after for her insights and guidance. She has moved mountains for her community and continues to inspire many others that are working to achieve similar success." **Nicole Boice, Global Genes**

"... I truly believe that this presentation will be one of ACB's most valuable and important resources. " **Debbie Grubb, American Council of the Blind**

"Kristin's strategy of gathering a team and creating a toolbox is a lesson for every success and obstacle in life. " **Mary Eileen Bates, CB Cares**



A Sampling of Kristin's Presentation Topics

OUT OF DARKNESS... INTO GREATNESS: Surviving and Thriving after a Devastating Life Change

GUIDING GREATNESS: Guiding Blind and Visually Impaired Children to Their Personal Greatness

START SOMETHING THAT MATTERS: Keys To Moving From Idea to Impact

EYE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES: My Faith Journey Full of Tantrums and Transformation

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