

Dave Pelzer's Programs / Zoom Events / Speaking Topics

1) The Real Heroes

Purpose:

This rare heart-felt program is given by a man whose life was saved by a system that many ridicule as being useless and incompetent. This highly emotional presentation pays tribute to those who have dedicated their lives to making a difference in the life of a child, while at the same time educating the general public about the challenges faced by those in their chosen field. Dave carefully weaves the story of how his life was saved by teachers, a school nurse, the police department, social services, and the foster care system. This is the perfect keynote for those within the system who are in need of a positive shot in the arm from a man who, too, has dedicated his life to helping others.

Objectives:

- 1)** Pay homage to the countless individuals who are on the front lines in their battle to save the children.
- 2)** Encourage others to get involved in their community by revealing the importance of their assistance.

(Presentation Length: 1 hour – 1 hour 30 minutes)

2) Help Yourself for Teens

(Zoom Only)

Dave Pelzer has given thousands of presentations to various middle schools, high schools, and juvenile detention facilities throughout the nation. He has emphasized a message of accountability and resilience to young adults no matter what their past or hardships.

Having endured one of the worst cases of child abuse in California's history and placed in foster care before becoming a counselor at juvenile hall years later, Dave knows all too well the troubles and temptations facing teens today.

Help Yourself for Teens is a Zoom presentation based on the self-titled book which places a strong focus on a pyramid strategy of developing the habit of addressing one's problems, identifying the critical importance of decisions made in the moment, affecting where these decisions can lead to in the future, and for young adults to aspire to self-improvement.

Throughout the presentation Dave incorporates a comedic wit and a fast-paced sense of humor. While Dave's program at times is entertaining, his premise is to educate and inspire young adults to become more productive, proactive, and responsible for their own lives.

Suggested Program Length (45-90 minutes)

3) Your Resolve

Purpose:

All of us, in one way or another, have been affected by unfortunate or overwhelming situations. Yet for many, for whatever the reason, their negative past seems to dominate their lives, to the point that they, through their choices or inactions, become psychologically crippled and live out unhappy, unfilled lives.

Having survived an extreme, life-threatening childhood, and yet later to become the recipient of The National Jefferson Award and honored as The Outstanding Young Persons of the World, Dave knows first-hand about the art of resilience while being of service to fellow man. Dave has traveled the globe, challenging and inspiring others to take positive control of their lives, while praising the people who are dedicated to helping those in dire need - educators, social workers, and the foster care system, whom Dave dubs, "The Real Heroes".

Objectives:

Your Resolve is based on Dave's New York Times Best Selling book, Help Yourself, as well as, his two other self-help books, Help Yourself for Teens and Moving Forward. Throughout the presentation, Dave weaves his life's story giving pertinent examples of how he was able to prevail, and stresses proven, real-life, common-sense advice for the audience to apply immediately. Also, to help relax the audience, Dave laces the program with relevant humor. In addition, Dave carefully advises the audience and those in their perspective fields on the importance of taking care of themselves, so they in turn, can continue to be of service to others.

In today's uncertain, stress filled world, Your Resolve can make a difference for all of us by helping you to recapture your sense of "Mission" and lead others by determined, quiet leadership.

Target Audience: The general public, business associations, those in the educational and social service fields, and youth-at-risk.

(Presentation Length: 1 hour – 1 hour 30 minutes)