

Dave Pelzer's Programs & Speaking Topics

1) Help Yourself

Help Yourself is based on the New York Times Business Best Seller and international best-selling book. By taking control, being accountable and having the courage to follow through with a sense of dignity on a daily basis, Help Yourself places a strong emphasis on moving beyond a painful history and innumerable setbacks.

Having survived a life-threatening childhood, Dave developed a strategy of turning adversity into triumph. Harnessing his adapted skills from his past, Dave teaches these techniques that have helped him to become the acclaimed self-made businessman and humanitarian he is today.

A majority of individuals have no idea why life has not "provided" for them or that they have little to no idea of what they desire out of life. Dave stresses getting rid of life's garbage and developing clear obtainable objectives, while maintaining a realistic sense of fulfillment.

When it comes to conquering insurmountable odds and becoming stronger from the challenge, no one knows more than Dave Pelzer. While interweaving a careful balance of imperative "real life" information and a captivating sense of humor in a storytelling forum, Dave reenergizes the heart and challenges the human spirit in the unique presentation of Help Yourself.

"Take the Time and Energy to Truly Invest in Your Most Important Asset: Yourself." Suggested Program Length (45 min – 2 hours)

2) 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 of 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.

Throughout the presentation, Dave laces a significant amount of relevant humor to help put the audience at ease, but also stresses the vital importance of advising those at-risk on becoming resilient and being accountable.

In addition, Dave advises those working in their perspective fields not to become overwhelmed. It is important for them to care for themselves, so they in turn can continue to be a savior and champion of children of our countries: The Real Heroes.

Objectives:

- 1) Pay homage to the countless individuals who are on the front lines in their battle to save the children.
- 2) To instill a sense of pride and positive expectations of those who have suffered, rather than live out a life of despair and negativity.

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

3) Help Yourself for Teens

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

Having endured one of the worst cases of child abuse in California's then 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 presentation based on a 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 now and where they can lead to in the future and for young adults to aspire on bettering themselves.

Throughout the presentation Dave incorporates a "Robin Williams" like wit and 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)

4) Writers Studio Session

Overview: As the author of the #1 world-wide best-selling book, *A Child Called "It"*, that was on the *New York Times* Best Sellers List for well over 6 years, and one of a few authors to have 4 books simultaneously on the *New York Times* Best Sellers List, Dave knows something about the expansive field of publishing.

For well over 15 years, Dave has given countless workshops not only on his writing process, but has also revealed the ups and downs of his distinctive publishing career.

With his own brand of unrivaled humor and his at times serious "see straight through to the end" business like attitude, Dave enthralls writers of all levels.

Objective: Educate writers on realistic expectations and the pitfalls of the publishing world, as well as, how to best navigate and enhance their own projects when it comes to dealing with agents, working with publishers, editors, and the marketing of their works.

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