"Caroline Rose is a beautiful, strong, brave and courageous woman who inspires and captures her audience with her story."

Meg Symes EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY PASADENA

# Caroline Rose A PASSIONATE SPREADER OF HOPE

Having been diagnosed with an incurable, stage IV, highly aggressive cancer at age 27, Caroline is an expert in the importance of holding onto hope, even in the darkest of times. After completing eight rounds of chemo, Caroline went into a brief remission before her cancer reappeared for the second time. In 2006, Caroline bravely chose the risky option of a bone marrow transplant and relied on her brother's donor stem cells to save her life. After six months, Caroline emerged from this transplant cancer-free.

Due to the lasting effects from the intense chemo used to save her life, Caroline was told fertility was no longer an option. Unwilling to take no for an answer, Caroline and her new husband persevered, still determined to start a family. Within eight months of her transplant, she was pregnant with her daughter via IVF, and one year later, had a miraculous natural pregnancy with her son. Five weeks after Caroline's son was born, she discovered her cancer was back for the third time. Now that Caroline was a mother to a two-year-old and five-week-old, the game had changed. Caroline was NOT going to let this cancer take her away from her children.

Caroline's second bone marrow transplant was the hardest and riskiest treatment she had faced. With a 40% mortality rate, Caroline didn't know if she would ever see her children again. This brave mother's story is one of determination, perseverance, love, and- above all else—hope.

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"Her story is one of truth, love and hope that will live on in your heart long after she shares it with you and continue to inspire you to overcome your own challenges"

Jennifer McMillan, MPA MANAGER, VISITOR SERVICES & SPEAKERS BUREAU

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### **Caroline's Hope-Filled Presentation Topics Include:**

#### The Power of Hope

Hope is present in all situations. It may not look the way we want it to, but it's still there and ours for the taking. Because without hope, what the hell is the point?

#### **Surviving Cancer**

Caroline has survived against all the odds. She has lived the fear of the diagnosis and understands the emotional impact cancer has on the lives of both the patient and the caregiver.

#### Life After Cancer

Beating cancer is only half the battle. Life after cancer can be just as scary and lonely as the treatment itself. Caroline can relate to this challenging stage in a survivor's life and offer encouragement and hope to those who need it the most.

#### **Parenting through Difficult Times**

We all want to be our best selves for our children, but we have our struggles. How do we parent through the difficulties life brings our way? Caroline offers up wisdom and hard-earned life lessons for helping ourselves so that we can show up for others.

#### Finding True Human Connection in Struggle

Caroline understands what it means to live in pain. She also knows what it means to rise above it, and she attributes her survival to the incredible healing power of community and love. Through the courageous telling of her story, Caroline invites her audience to consider their own struggles as an opportunity for connection and reveals how we, as a group, can better come together to lift each other up from the darkness and into the light.

#### **Persevering Through Challenges**

Caroline understands all too well how tempting it can be to give up when life's burdens feel too heavy to carry. This three-time cancer survivor recounts one moment in particular when she told the nurse to take all the medications away because she was done and ready to leave this earth. Caroline's brave retelling of her personal experience motivates and inspires audiences as they relate to the sometimes seemingly impossible challenges we must face and overcome.



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