

The Survival Queen

Darcy L. Keith

Challenges are
common... Suffering is optional.

A truly inspiring story. Until September 12, 1991, Darcy Keith's life was pretty normal. A gifted student in actuarial science at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, the attractive, intelligent and popular 22-year-old led an active, normal collegiate life.

Then tragedy struck. She was riding home with four sorority sisters from a function at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky., when their car was hit from behind by a semi-tractor trailer. **The car was crushed completely** by an impact so great that the license plate of the semi-tractor was imprinted into its crumpled side panel. **Two of Keith's friends in the backseat, where she was also sitting, were killed instantly.**

As the only unbuckled backseat survivor in her fatal car crash, Darcy had to learn how to begin life all over again - mentally, physically, emotionally, and financially. Life threatening injuries she sustained left her in a coma, with paralysis to half of her body and relying on life support to help her breathe. **Learn how determination and hope kept her alive.**

Known as "**The Survival Queen**" and "**The Miracle Child**", Darcy Keith is an internationally recognized, award winning speaker and author. Over the years, Darcy has overcome her many life-altering experiences with success and **has emerged as an expert** on surviving and thriving through life's challenges and trials.



Program Titles

- "Survive and Thrive: How to Overcome Adversity and Live the Life You Really Want"
- "The Miracle Child: How to Set Higher Goals and Achieve the Unimaginable in Life"
- "Move It: How Leaders Deal with Change"
- "5 Tips for Creating a Better Future"
- "Me and My Big Feet: How to Take a Stand and Be a Leader in Your Organization"
- "It's About Hope: Rebuilding Your Life When It's Been Turned Upside Down"
- "The Little Decision: How to Make Good Decisions and Reduce Stress in Life"
- "Just Buckle It: How to Make Good Decisions Behind the Wheel and in Life"
- "From Your House to the Statehouse: How to Provide Effective Testimony in Legislative Hearings When You Have a Disability."

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Darcy Keith is the perfect speaker for your next meeting or event!

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Partial List of Honors and Awards

- Awarded as an Indiana Hero by the Indiana Pacers Basketball Organization
- Appearances on ABC with Bob Woodruff, CBS, and FOX
- 2000 Ball State University G.O.L.D (Graduate of the Last Decade) Award
- Global Register's Who's Who in Professionals and Executives, 2006-07 edition
- Narrated brain injury portion of national ThinkFirst speaker training video funded by the Christopher Reeve Foundation
- Ohio Valley Center Advisory Council which is a council that advises Ohio State on brain injury research

Partial Client List includes:

- Department of Defense Finance and Accounting Service
- Toastmasters International
- Kentucky Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- OSRAM Sylvania
- Central Ohio Insurance Education Day Conference
- ThinkFirst International Conference
- Brain Injury Associations of Indiana and Missouri Educational Conferences
- National Organization of Women in Business
- Indiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Conference
- Ball State University
- Ohio State University
- Indiana University School of Nursing
- East 91st Street Christian Church

What others are saying about Darcy:

"In Ms. Keith's 'Survive and Thrive' presentation, the audience was treated to an emotionally moving personal story that takes the listener from tragedy to triumph and then imparts some easy-to-understand methods for overcoming challenges. I am confident that you will enjoy her presentation as much as I and my fellow attendees did."

*— Jeffrey Junkas, PR Director-Midwest,
American Insurance Association*

"Darcy is Romans 8:28 personified. Her story is a beautiful reminder to count it all joy when we experience trials of many kinds. I would recommend her to any group for her inspiration is truly a gift from God."

*— Woody Wright, singer & songwriter,
Bill & Gloria Gaither's brother-in-law*



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