

Opening keynote:



No Barriers Life: Rope Team

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Deaf-blind Adventurer, Advocate,
Author & Storyteller



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Choreographer of 2 Worlds

Usher's Syndrome Type 2 : Deaf-Blindness

A relentless march further and further into darkness and silence.



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My Vision

“Pity the man that has vision but cannot see.”

- Helen Keller



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My Real Vision

Adventurer

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On life's journey, we ALL can have significance, meaning and impact in this world.



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Adventurer Insights



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Author Insights

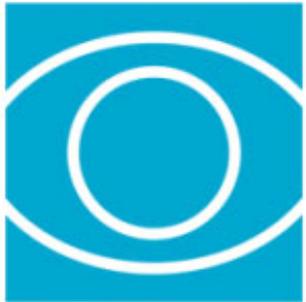


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NO BARRIERS LIFE ELEMENTS



VISION

Define a purpose that inspires you to give your best back to the world.



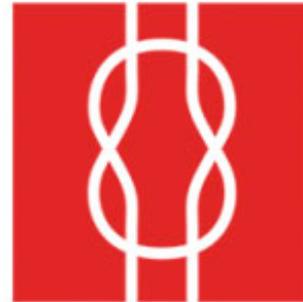
REACH

Move beyond your comfort zone to grow and reach goals.



PIONEER

Persevere through challenges to innovate.



ROPE TEAM

Collaborate and connect others to build strong communities



ALCHEMY

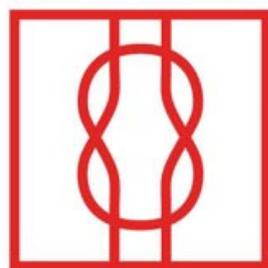
Harness life experience into optimism



ELEVATE

Impact the world as a leader who serves

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ROPE TEAM

COLLABORATE AND CONNECT WITH
OTHERS TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES



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We all have barriers and challenges.

The Beauty of Life Is the Struggle of Life.



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Advocate / Storyteller Insights



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The **BLINDNESS*** MOUNTAINS:

Medical Paradigm	Social Paradigm	Economic Paradigm
PERSONAL Problem	SOCIAL issue	DEMAND Issue
Medical care	Social integration	Economic Integration
Individual Treatment	Social action	Product development
Professional help	Individual and collective responsibility	Innovation in design and function
Personal adjustment	Environmental manipulation	Universal design
Behaviour	Attitude	Culture
Care	Human rights	Competitive advantage
Health care policy	Politics	Market forces
Individual Adaptation	Social change	Inclusion

* And most disabilities!



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My Life Journey With Vision Loss

“Halo” Experiences

The Independence and Interdependence Conundrum



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”Halo” Experience:

Missed Diagnosis:

Mall Visit - 1988
Eye Exam 2000



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”Halo” Experience:

My Death Sentence

Retinal Specialist Visit



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”Halo” Experience:

*Economic Stability /
Survival*



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"Halo" Experience:

Technology



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”Halo” Experience:

*Personal Navigation,
Safety and Advocacy*



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