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Reinventing Life

Growing up in England I was a quiet introspective child, much of my time spent on the lookout, dodging an abusive father. At age 11, my mother, brother, sister, and I, ran away to Canada in a quest to reinvent our lives and leave the violent past behind.

We are all born into different circumstances, sometimes within our control, sometimes not. As immigrants, with little financial resources, my family experienced homelessness while in our new country and had to scabble to make do. To survive we had to forget the past and invent new lives and move forward with optimism. Over time, we each drifted apart leading adult lives in diverse parts of the world.

After a stint as an actor singer and professional ice skater, my sister Jean moved to Hollywood and signed on to Universal Studios, she eventually settled on the coast of British Columbia where she recently died from heart complications. At age fifteen my brother Terry chose to move back to England, where within a year, he found his life partner and became a successful father and grandfather living a contented life in Cornwall UK. After many fits and starts I carved out a life as a dancer model actress in Canada, married a traveling entertainer, and eventually moved with stars in my eyes to Las Vegas the entertainment capital of the world. It wasn't until the birth of my first child, born with Down syndrome, did I find the need once again to reinvent myself.

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The Speaker, Trainer, Consultant

Through the years I've worked alongside some magnificent nonprofits to help them reach their fundraising goals. I encourage them to stop thinking small and identify what they ultimately want to accomplish for the people they serve.

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Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada

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