

Chris Gardner

CEO of HappYness

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About Chris Gardner

Chris Gardner is an entrepreneur, international best-selling author and an award winning film producer. Gardner's autobiography, *The Pursuit of HappYness* became a New York Times #1 best seller, has been translated into over forty languages, including six (6) dialects of Chinese and most recent into Arabic. Gardner is also the inspiration for the critically acclaimed film "The Pursuit of HappYness" for which Will Smith received the Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild and Academy Award nominations for his performance. Gardner's second book, "Start Where You Are" also a best seller was published in 2009. Chris just completed his newest book "Permission To Dream" which will be available in April 2021. Gardner has described himself as "a 67 year old start-up!"

His most ambitious goal at this time is to "create the NEXT Chris Gardner(s), and some of them are going to be girls!" This goal is the sole mission of the Christopher P. Gardner Foundation. Gardner has spoken at hundreds of middle and high schools all across America in this effort. And because of COVID-19 he made the 'HARD PIVOT' from doing live in school events to "virtual" events that could have him speak in as many as 1,000 schools in 2021.

Select Keynotes

- **Spiritual Genetics and the American Dream**

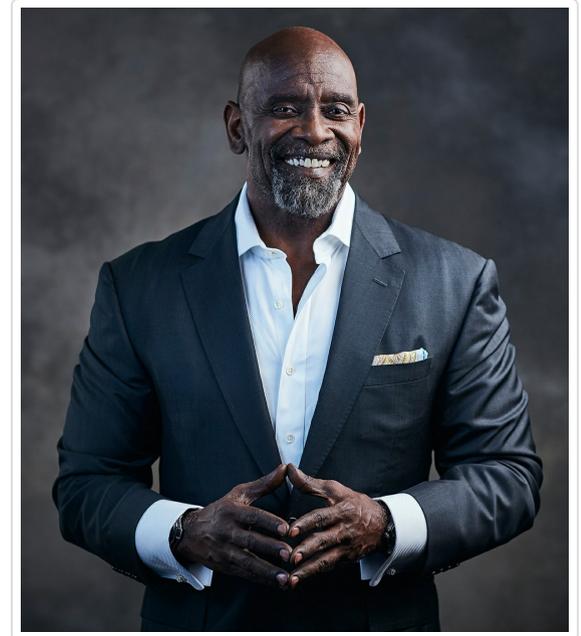
Chris Gardner will share some of the steps that he had to take and obstacles he overcame in order to get from where he was to creating the life that he wanted to live right now.

Through his presentation, he will introduce you to the concept of Spiritual Genetics that which makes you, You that has nothing to do with Anatomy, Biology, Chemistry or Physics. That Part of you that can not be measured analyzed or quantified- That of you that has nothing to do with Blood type DNA or pigmentation. That part of you that is beyond the scope, reach or understanding of science, medicine or technology.

He will also explain the concept of the Universal Dream, an idea that he learned from his mother, who said to him, " Son, you can do or be anything you want to do or be." Those words would be the driving force that would take him from being homeless with a baby to having his own successful stock brokerage firm. The Universal Dream also refers to the fact that where you are in your spirit is more important than where you are on the PLANET! The most important experiences in our lives feel the same whether you live in the USA or the UAE! Such as, the birth of a child, a graduation, a wedding a new job or the loss of a loved one. Those are all Universal Experiences that create a family called humanity.

Chris will also identify the importance of the "P's" in our life. Keeping a Promise. He will share his promise, a promise he made to himself as a 5 year old boy; that when he grew up, become a man and have children, his children would know who their father would be. And second, that he was going to become world class at what ever he did in his life. Passion. What is that thing that turns you on so much that the sun can't come up soon enough in the morning because you want to go do your thing? And finally having a Plan. He will explain how the plan has to have, what he calls, the C-5 Complex (Clear, Concise, Compelling, Consistent and Committed to the plan).

He will also talk about Empowerment, the idea of "I drove here" which means if "I drove here" then "I can drive out of here". You can't change



something until you own it.

The only thing he wants you to leave with is to know that if Chris Gardner can do it, so can you.

- **VIRTUAL - Movie Night: The Pursuit of HappyNess and a New Vision of the American Dream**

Audiences, often including employees and their families, are treated to a private viewing of *In Pursuit of HappyNess* followed by a live, 45 to 60 minute Q&A session with Chris.

Select Book Titles

- **2009:** Start Where You Are: Life Lesson in Getting from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be
- **2006:** The Pursuit of HappyNess

Select Testimonials

“Chris did a fantastic job and was very gracious to our group! Thank you so much for all of your help in making this a successful speaking engagement.”

– *Hershey*

Chris Gardner was such an inspiration to our people and we were fortunate to have him speak at our event. Thanks to your entire team for helping us connect with him. To any organization looking for someone who has the life experience, the power to tell stories and move an audience, Chris Gardner provides that and more.

– *Rich Lake, Patterson Dental*