



Jim Littlefield-Dalmases

Speaker Introduction

Our speaker today is Jim Littlefield-Dalmases. Jim has been using storytelling to change lives for over 30 years. As a marketing and fundraising professional, he helped make change working for his local United Way, as well as a national environmental charity. For over a decade, he advocated for children with special needs as head of marketing and fundraising for the Kids Center for Pediatric Therapies in Louisville, Kentucky. He is an avid giver, serving on boards, counseling nonprofits, and mentoring through Big Brother/Big Sisters.

His new book, *Seeing Ability*, was written by combining his own story with insights and advice he gleaned from doing over 100 interviews with like him who were traveling a path that most never chose to raise a child who is different. The book has gained critical acclaim from parents and disability advocates alike. Several charities are now providing the book in their welcome packets to clients.

Today, Jim hosts a podcast called Seeing Ability. Each month, he shines the spotlight on individuals with special needs and their families. He includes a monthly charity spotlight episode that showcases those doing good work for people with special needs. He continues sharing stories of families through a blog on his website. Lastly, Jim is the founder of the Seeing Ability Foundation, Inc., which offers a variety of support to families traveling the path of a special-needs parent.