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Bill Irwin

... Will Have a Life Changing Impact On You!

Bill Irwin, with his Seeing Eye dog Orient, is the only blind person to have completed the 2,168 mile Appalachian Trail. They began in Georgia and finished in Maine eight and one half months later. His historic hike was the single most publicized human endeavor that year. It was an inspiring example of overcoming the odds for millions around the world.

Bill continues to inspire millions of persons each year as a much sought-after motivational speaker. His unique message of perseverance tantalizes very diverse audiences throughout the world as he helps them to become motivated to achieve their impossible dreams. His home-spun, self deprecating humor and life experiences (over thirty years in corporate America, recovery from alcoholism, the Appalachian Trail experience, and encounters as a family counselor), allow him to make life-changing observations that are punctuated with his humorous stories.

Bill's presentations steal the hearts of everyone in each audience.

Some Client Comments:

"Bill did more than just achieve the unbelievable; he touched and inspired countless others with his example of courage and perseverance."

Tom Watson, Special Correspondent, USA Today.

"Bill not only packed the house but he is the only speaker who has ever gotten a standing ovation here."

L.L. Bean, Freeport, Maine

"Bill Irwin's speaking style is comparable to a cross between Lewis Grizzard and Garrison Keillor."

Don Silverman, Emmy winning Hollywood producer

Partial List of Topics for Keynotes and/or Seminars

- Better to Lead One Than Push a 100 - Leadership
- But Now I See - Motivational or Inspirational
- Don't Sweat The Small Stuff - Change Management
- Just Like Me - Diversity
- Do You See What I Hear - Disabilities

Partial Client List

American Express
Coca Cola Company
Dunlop Corporation
FDIC
IBM
L.L. Bean
Southern Maine Medical Center
Professional Secretaries International
National Automobile Dealers Association
Vanderbilt University

For More Information Contact:



Birth of Lab Corp

In the spring of 1964 Bill was at a cocktail party with some physician friends and they all started talking with him about starting up a clinical laboratory that would give the physicians it served, better service than they were currently getting from the large laboratory that had a monopoly on the market in Alabama.



He listened carefully and called another meeting to gain their support. They gave him what he needed and Birmingham Clinical Laboratories, Inc. was born and Bill was its president at the ripe old age of twenty four years

The business grew and gained a substantial part of the Southern market and were on the way to becoming larger and better.

In 1968 Bill merged his laboratory with another larger company that had its base in North Carolina. In a couple of years we had grown so much he moved to the corporate headquarters to join the upper level of management.

Today that little clinical laboratory that began with just a couple of people with a vision has merged many times, acquired many other small and large companies, and is now known as Lab-Corp, the largest clinical laboratory in the world having over 200 locations throughout the world and 40 plus thousand employees, with annual revenues exceeding 5 billion dollars in 2006.

Yes, it's the American dream come true!

Curriculum Vitae

William Howard Irwin, II
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Born: August 16, 1940
Jefferson County Alabama
Married: Debra Messler, 2/14/1996
Church: Living Word Assembly OF God Church Dover-Foxcroft, Maine

Children:

Marianne Cash 3/2/1960
William Howard Irwin, III, 4/11/1961
Jeffrey Paul Irwin, 9/27/1964

Education:

Elementary School, Graymont Elementary School, Birmingham, Alabama
Middle School: Leeds School System, Leeds, Alabama
High School, Leeds High School, Leeds, Alabama Academic- College
Preparation diploma 1959

College:

1959-1964 Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, Major: Chemistry-
Biology, BS.

1989-1991: University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). Eighteen-
month program in counseling, Institute for Reality Therapy Certification.

Work History

1986 to Date: Founder and President Irwin Associates, Inc., professional
speaker and author, (see below for more details).

1972- 1986 Lab Corp Burlington, N.C. Upper level manager in Human
Resources and Director of Education.

1964 – 1972 President and CEO, BioPath Clinical Laboratories, Inc.
Birmingham, Alabama. Directed the clinical laboratory until the merger with
BioMed, Burlington, N.C. in early 1972. Moved to North Carolina in July 1975 to
assume role as Director Human Resources at corporate headquarters.

Special Assignments:

March- November 1990: With my Seeing Eye dog Orient I am the only blind person to have completed the 2,168-mile Appalachian Trail. This historic hike began in Georgia and ended almost nine months later in north central Maine. This amazing odyssey was a living testament of faith in God to millions of persons around the globe.

A much sought after speaker, I travel all over the world sharing my unique message. "He captivates every audience with his message of hope, inspiration, and weaves in his home spun humor into every appearance to keep everyone on the edge of their seats. He accentuates each point with his very diverse life experiences. As a speaker he has been compared as a cross between Lewis Grizzard and Garrison Keeler" - Don Silverman, Emmy Award winning film producer, Hollywood, California.

Due to the combination of 30 years experience in corporate management, recovery from alcoholism and other life controlling problems, vast experience as a Family Counselor, and recognition around the world from my hike, I am able to help numerous people to see that if I can do it anyone can!

Blind Courage, the account of my life and journey of the Appalachian Trail was released nationally in 1992; it is now in its thirteenth printing and has been a best seller. Dr. Robert Schuller wrote the forward to the book. In 1995 Blind Courage was published in the United Kingdom, Germany and in Taiwan.

I have been the subject of many magazine articles including the cover story in Guideposts in March 1993.

Awards:

1990: Presidents Sports Award presented by President George H. W. Bush

1990: Outstanding Achievement Award by the Civil Conservation Corp. of Maine, Chapter 3

1991: Nominated for the America's Award by the Norman Vincent Peale Foundation

1991: Special Courage Award from the Dunlop Pro-Am Awards Committee

1992: Named Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International

1993: Mary P. Oenslager Scholastic Achievement Award by Recordings for the Blind and Disabled

1995: Margaret P. Jirak Distinguished Service Award by the Mayor's Committee of Alamance County, NC

1996: Nominated for the North Carolina Committee for Disabilities Distinguished Citizen's Award

Organizations:

National speakers Association, New England Chapter
National Speakers Association

Certifications:

Family Counselor, Certified Reality Therapist, (RTC)