



Michael Bortolotto

Going Beyond But



Michael Bortolotto's Bio:

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At the age of sixteen months, Michael was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, a conditions caused by an interruption in oxygen to the brain during birth. Through an extensive routine of time consuming exercises, he has learned to lead himself beyond the various challenges and obstacles which threatened to prevent him from walking, talking, and using his arms, hands, and fingers. He has a Diploma in applied Arts and Sciences in Recreation Administration from Malaspina University in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

Michael has been the recipient of various awards such as:

- ✓ Was chosen as one if the top entrepreneurs with a disabilities in B.C. by Community Futures and the Western Canadian Diversity Corporation in 2009.
- ✓ The Paul Harris Fellowship award presented to him by the Rotary International in 2002.
- ✓ Voted as the top citizen of Nanaimo, B.C. in 2005.
- ✓ Inducted into his High School's Wall of Fame in 1995.

Over the 35 years Michael has spoken approximately 5000 times to audiences throughout Canada and the United States of America. Michael has authored and published two children's storybooks called;

- ✓ The Truth About Apples & Pineapples.
- ✓ Tour de Courage.

Greatest Acknowledgement:

In September 2014, Michael Bortolotto was the first Canadian to receive the prestigious Cathleen Lyle Murray Foundation award from the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine.

Michael is receiving this award for demonstrating an effective and unique humanitarian approach through advocacy, leadership, and life experiences within society to promote a better understanding of the advancement in society of person with disabilities.

Some of Michael's Memorable Keynotes

- * American International Division on Career Development.
- * American Academy for Cerebral Palsy & Development Medicine.
- * Ontario Disability Employment Network.
- * Power of Connection (Georgia State Conference).
- * Canadian Association for Supported Employment.
- * People First of Louisiana (Louisiana State Conference).



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Who Should Watch And Listen To This Zoom Presentation:

- 1 - Parents who have children or teenagers with a disability.
- 2 - Child Development Centre staff and advocates.
- 3 - Public School Teacher's Assistants.
- 4 - Self-Advocates and professionals who work the community supporting children with disabilities

The Length Of The presentation:

The Zoom Presentation is 60 minutes long.
They will be 20 minute Question and Answer Period on all four subjects covered during the presentation.

Topics To Be Covered:

Within my 70 minute zoom presentation, Michael will talk about four topical subjects:

- 1 - Envisioning the "Future" and "Living Today".
- 2 - Going past the buts and embracing the what ifs.
- 3 - Tapping into unlimited possibilities by dreaming big.
- 4 - Having a game plan to get from here to there.

Presentation's Description:

Have you ever heard parents say, "Why is the word BUT always included at the end of most thoughts and ideas meant to improve my child's ability to deal with their disability"? Here is your opportunity to further support, empower and provide insight to assist parents in helping their child: 1) Envision the future, while living today, 2) Go beyond the buts and embrace the what ifs, 3) Tap into unlimited possibilities by dreaming big, and 4) Build a game plan to get from here to there.

