



# Mark E. Smith's [www.ExperienceMark.com](http://www.ExperienceMark.com) Talk Programs

From Facing the Insurmountable to Accomplishing the Impossible

*The Author... The Speaker... The Inspiration...*

## Fact Sheet for Meeting Planners

*“Bringing Mark's Unforgettable Message to Your Event”*

### *Meet Mark...*

When Mark E. Smith was born with severe cerebral palsy, the doctors said that he was an absolute vegetable, void of cognitive skills. On top of that, Mark's family was fragmented by alcoholism, divorce, incarceration, and suicide. But, Mark simply defied all odds, turning facing the insurmountable into accomplishing the impossible.

Today, Mark is among the most recognized disability figures in the world. His accomplishments are unmistakable as an icon within the wheelchair industry; author of three books and countless articles; Founding Editor of WheelchairJunkie.com; a college lecturer; a sought-after inspirational speaker; and, of course his most important role, a husband and father. See, when Mark speaks and writes of shifting one's life from merely surviving to truly thriving, he doesn't just talk about it – he's lived it.

### *Why Invite Mark as Your Function's Speaker?*

Because from the moment Mark rolls onto the stage, your audience will be riveted – it's that simple. The truths, wisdom, and authenticity that Mark shares resonates with audiences in such a profound way that even the most jaded of listeners are drawn to the edges of their seats, learning about themselves through Mark's spirit. When Mark talks about adversity, you feel it. When Mark talks about living with passion, you realize it. And, when Mark talks about change, you experience it.

*“To see Mark on stage in front of your group is a site to behold: Him in his wheelchair, with cerebral palsy – and an insight, humor, and poignancy to his talk that you will never forget.” -Dr.*

Wayman R. Spence, WRS Group

### *What Type of Groups Does Mark Speak To?*

Mark has spoken in front of groups as large as 3,000 people, and as small as one, the President of the United States. He's spoken to children at grade schools, and to seniors at AARP conferences. He's spoken from California to Washington D.C. And, he's spoken at venues ranging from corporate conferences to college campuses. After all, there's no background, geographical, or age limits to receiving Mark's empowering messages.

### *What Are Mark's Popular Themes?*

- **Making the Most of It: From surviving to thriving** – This program is based on Mark's new book, intertwining his own remarkable journey with universal lessons of realizing our resilience, embracing change, creating momentum, and living with passion no matter what life sends our way.
- **Too Fast: Selected true tales from the WheelchairJunkie:** A bit monologue and a lot of “sit-down” comedy, Mark enlivens the crowd with his revealing and ruckus recounting of his travels and encounters as a disability personality making his way in the world. If you liked the book version, you'll love hearing Mark live!
- **The Impossible Dream Kid** – This program is based on Mark's ever-popular childhood autobiography, *Growing up with Cerebral Palsy*, where he recounts his experience as a child growing up with profound disability, succeeding against all odds.

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### ***Does Mark Need Any Special Accommodations to Speak at Our Event?***

Just an audience eager to hear his message – that's it! Truly, Mark requires little more than any other speaker – a clip-on microphone (if it's a large venue) and wheelchair access is appreciated toward helping him make your event a memorable one.

### ***Does Mark Charge Travel Expenses in Addition to His Speaking Fee?***

In fact, Mark is one of the few speakers whose fee is all-inclusive. Mark wants you to concentrate on your event, not on his travel, so the fee quoted includes his travel arrangements (including flights and hotel).

### ***How Do I Book Mark for Our Engagement?***

Mark is eager to talk with you about the possibilities of speaking at your engagement. His schedule is a busy one, with weekend book appearances and speaking engagements throughout the year. So, the sooner you speak with Mark regarding your event, the better chance that Mark can help you make a difference. If your proposed date is available in Mark's schedule, he will be glad to tentatively hold your date at the request for booking. However, because of a need to address all clients' requests, dates can only be guaranteed upon the prompt return of the Speaking Agreement and deposit.

***Contact Mark today, and together you can create an event that your members won't just remember for weeks or months – but for a lifetime....***

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