



JULIE & LOWELL TAYLOR
Live with Heart
Motivational Speakers

SPEAKERS BIO

Julie and Lowell are an enthusiastic and dynamic duo who have first-hand experience turning obstacles into opportunities. Julie, a Speech Pathologist, and Lowell, a Registered Psychologist have been married for 10 years and currently live in Lethbridge Alberta with their two sons.

Lowell suffers from Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) that has required him to adjust to decreasing sight his entire life. He is now legally blind with no peripheral vision, reduced central vision, and no vision in low light.

Lowell was the first visually impaired contestant in Amazing Race's history, and Julie and Lowell completed seven out of the eleven legs on season four of the Amazing Race Canada. Lowell now has his sights set on competing in road and track cycling at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. His 'vision for 2020' is just one way his inspiring optimism and determination have turned tough times into positive experiences.

Julie and Lowell work tremendously well as a team. Julie has been by Lowell's side every step of the way as he faces challenges to his independence. Lowell's emotional & mental strength, unending patience, and sense of humour help with daily stressors as they live, work, and raise a family together.

They now speak together to share their message of overcoming obstacles, and what it takes to get through life's challenges.





KEYNOTE TITLE

Turning Obstacles into Opportunities

Description:

In this motivational presentation, Julie and Lowell Taylor highlight Lowell's visual impairment and how their positivity, teamwork and love help turn this obstacle into opportunities. Lowell was the first blind contestant on The Amazing Race, and now his sights are set on competing in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in Road and Track Cycling. Together they share their life stories and the challenges of going blind, living with a blind husband, and the supports needed along the way. They prove that positivity can outshine a disability – that negativity can be more debilitating than a disability.



PRESENTATION THEMES

- Teamwork, Trust & Communication
- Authentic living with kindness and respect
- Positivity and choosing your attitude
- Passion, focus, determination & vision
- Living with a disability
- The caregivers perspective
- The power of relationships and solid supports
- The Amazing Race Canada - Behind the scenes
- Using your weakness, brokenness, & adversity
- The power of love and living with heart!

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES

- Canadian Badlands Tourism
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)
- Break Forth Canada
- University of Lethbridge
 - International Dinner Fundraiser
 - New Student Orientation
- Mount Royal University Calgary
 - Adapted Physical Activity Symposium
- Alberta ParaTriathlon Fundraiser
- Healthy Active School Symposium
- Alberta Health Services Social Worker Retreat
- Primary Care Network Inservice
- Taber Community Against Drugs
- Efree Lethbridge
- ICS Fundraiser
- Livingstone Range School District
 - Student Leadership Symposium
- YouthOne BlackTie Fundraiser
- Crossroads Healing Centre Fundraiser

Social media: Ambassadors for Canadian Badlands Tourism and influencers for Chinook Country Tourism.

Future bookings include a number of provincial and national teacher's conventions for 2018.



ENDORSEMENTS & TESTIMONIALS

"Lowell and Julie Taylor are upbeat, authentic and inspirational. They spoke to our conference of 4,000 attendees and captivated the entire room. They have a powerful story of overcoming obstacles with teamwork, grace and love. And they're so much fun!"

Neil and Sharol Josephson - Directors, Break Forth Canada

"Lowell and Julie delivered a powerful, light-hearted and moving presentation. Their upbeat and positive outlook, set a tone of humility and perseverance for the Symposium."

Brendan Greenslade - Mount Royal University

"As contestants on The Amazing Race Canada, Lowell and Julie earned massive appeal through dogged determination, teamwork, respect, and sheer Canadian pride. Millions of Canadians bore witness to the same inspirational moments I was humbled by during the race."

Jon Montgomery - Canadian Gold Medalist & Host of The Amazing Race Canada

"The pair captivated the audience with positivity, storytelling and humour - all eyes were on them! From Lowell's inspirational account of his childhood struggles and continual challenges with diminishing eyesight, to Julie's vibrant performance and witty responses, the talk was one to remember! The love they have for each other and their family is tangible."

Society for Christian Education - Immanuel Christian School

"Their keen sense of humour and humble attitude make them very engaging presenters. The youth and adults who heard their message were moved to create change in their schools, communities, and personal lives."

Healthy Active Schools Symposium Planning Team

"I have been putting on this event for 9 years and have been through many speakers but these two take the cake! They spoke to our varied audience and kept them captivated the entire time, despite some rather large gaps in age. What was most charming about these two was not only their impeccable ability to dominate a crowd but also the fact that they are just tremendous human beings who speak from the heart. They are open, kind, and humble and willing to share some pretty difficult areas of their life with humour, honesty, and grace. Their messages were riveting and inspiring, but also hopelessly funny and human! Lowell and Julie's life stories transformed into vital learning opportunities for all audiences are not to be missed!"

Alana McPhee - Chair of the Taber Community Against Drugs

"They were funny, clever, engaging and delivered a heartfelt and meaningful message. As the chair of the organizing committee it is also perhaps worth noting that they were VERY EASY to work with, responded immediately to any queries and directed their message to ensure it fit with the Symposium's goals. Suffice to say their presentation was the highlight of the entire Symposium. I would, without any hesitation, recommend them as speakers."

David Legg, PhD - Mount Royal University

"They had the audience in the palm of their hands the whole time. Their presentation flows out of their whole hearts and is shared with a lot of positivity and honesty. They are witty, compassionate, and completely engaged with their audience. They are funny, even without the puns. They have inspired us by their incredibly resilient attitudes towards what they have been through, and what is yet to come. We commend Lowell and Julie to you most highly."

James and Claire Penner - James Penner and Associates

"Lowell and Julie Taylor took us on an emotional roller coaster. One moment your eyes watered for the little boy feeling all alone and helpless when growing up; the next you were laughing at a joyous episode occurring later in life that showed their strength."

Gizelle Tiponut - Audience member

"They were engaging, motivating and most definitely inspiring. Plus, I'm a huge fan of puns and there were plenty to be heard! They took a serious topic and made it light hearted and fun, and I left inspired to take on challenges with a brighter attitude. The appealing piece is seeing someone take an unfortunate life situation and making the absolute best of it. If they can do it, what's stopping me?!"

Kelly Morris - Audience member

"They exuded kindness, compassion and a sense of humour in their speech. The excerpts from the Amazing Race were great as we were able to re-visit their adventure of a lifetime. If we could live life to the fullest as the Taylors do, the world would be filled with much happier human beings!"

Candace Dueck - Audience member

"Lowell has a very compelling life story to date and his life partner Julie is a perfect fit. It was truly inspirational to hear about their journey as a couple and coping as parents to two small children. I was truly inspired with their positive energy and outlook on challenges. I have tried to adopt the positive attitude they have shown in many areas of my life and relationships. If you have a chance to hear them speak, do it! It will make you cry, laugh, think and change."

Annette Bright - Audience member





FEE GUIDE

Speaking and special appearance fees

Please contact us to discuss speaking fees.

Every event is unique and we strive to provide you with the best fit for your event.

Let us know the specifics of what you are looking for and we will provide a custom fee for you.

All fees go toward Lowell's training, equipment, racing and travel expenses on his Vision for 2020.



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