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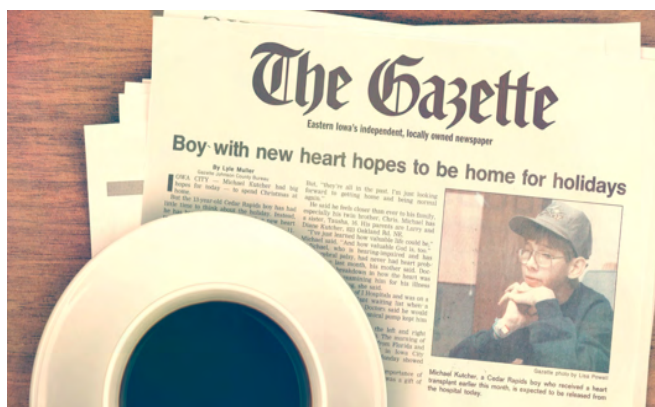


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From birth, Michael Kutcher has overcome challenges and conquered obstacles that most people never even glimpse. Born on February 7th, 1978, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as the unexpected twin brother of actor Christopher “Ashton” Kutcher, Michael met his first of many challenges at delivery. Entering the world notably smaller than his twin at less than five pounds, Michael was hardly responsive and struggled to take his first breath.

Thanks to both outstanding medical care and his indomitable instinct to survive, Michael pulled through his first days and weeks, although not without lasting adverse effects. By age three, Michael was battling significant developmental delays caused by irreversible neurological pathologies. He was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy before he entered Kindergarten.



Michael’s innate desire to thrive throughout his childhood helped him overcome issues with eyesight, speech, and motor skill development. Michael grew up in a loving and supportive family that taught him the value of the health he did have and how to make the best of his circumstances. Unfortunately, Michael’s uphill battle was only getting started.

Diagnosed with heart failure at age 13, Michael again faced the unthinkable challenge of survival. After being given a life expectancy of just three to four weeks, Michael again defeated the odds and successfully received a lifesaving heart transplant.

It was this second close brush with death that opened Michael’s eyes to the fragility of life and

inspired him to take control of the future he once thought he wouldn’t have. Michael graduated from Clear Creek Amana High School in 1996 and later continued his education, earning his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management and Finance from Mount Mercy University.

His medical triumphs and perspective on disabilities have led him to work as a disability and organ donation advocate and an advisor to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and several other disability and organ donation organizations. Michael has spoken at The White House as a

member of the Organ Donation Summit, the National Institute of Health, and the Center for Disease Control and provided Congressional testimony where Michael has worked to raise awareness for local and national fund-raising initiatives. Michael is the creator

of the Diffability brand and has recently finished his memoir, which will be released in the upcoming year.

When he’s not advocating for Cerebral Palsy awareness or inspiring audiences around the nation, Michael resides in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he’s built a successful twenty-year career with Transamerica Retirement Solutions. Michael enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, and playing golf in his free time.

Michael’s message is one of inspiration, hope, and appreciation. Having overcome unthinkable challenges against extraordinary odds, Michael is living proof that perseverance and unwavering positivity can surmount even the most seemingly impossible obstacles.



EMBRACING DIFFABILITIES: A MESSAGE OF INCLUSION AND EMPOWERMENT FOR EVERYONE

Michael's life experience of growing up with Cerebral Palsy has uniquely shaped his perspective on the world. Through candidly sharing his journey, he sheds light on the challenges faced by those with disabilities (or as he calls them, Diffabilities) and how he learned to overcome societal views that often ostracized and marginalized them. Michael has led a fulfilling and successful life by embracing his differences and seeing them as gifts rather than curses. In his presentations, he inspires audiences to accept and welcome individuals of all abilities, highlighting the importance of inclusion and diversity in every aspect of society. Through his compelling narrative and often humorous storytelling, Michael shows that with the right mindset and support, people with disabilities can achieve greatness and make significant contributions to their communities.

PERSPECTIVE: FROM NEAR DEATH TO A FINER APPRECIATION FOR LIFE

In this inspiring talk, Michael shares his incredible story of overcoming near-death experiences and how these challenges have transformed his perspective on life. Through his compelling narrative, Michael demonstrates how the seemingly ordinary aspects of our lives can hold profound value and meaning when viewed through the lens of gratitude and appreciation. By the end of his talk, Michael leaves his audience with a newfound appreciation for the precious gifts that surround us each day and a powerful shift in mindset towards embracing the beauty and wonder of the world around us. This talk is a must-see for anyone seeking to cultivate a more profound sense of gratitude and meaning in their lives.

FROM STRUGGLE TO STRENGTH: MICHAEL'S INSPIRING JOURNEY OF PERSEVERANCE

Michael shares his extraordinary journey of triumph over seemingly insurmountable challenges in this compelling talk. He offers a powerful message of perseverance, resilience, and self-empowerment through personal anecdotes and hard-won insights. Drawing on lessons learned from his own experiences, Michael inspires his audience to break free from the limitations of a victim mentality and embrace a mindset of strength and possibility. By sharing his story of courage and determination, Michael leaves his listeners feeling inspired and motivated to overcome their obstacles and pursue their dreams.



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with less than what you have.



“Michael Kutcher has delivered his riveting childhood story on overcoming adversities, learning to live to his full potential and his continued advocacy for disability policies on Capitol Hill. He reminds us all that there are no limits or boundaries to achieving excellence. Michael Kutcher is truly an inspirational speaker, and I would highly recommend as a speaker to any company committed to developing their people and creating an inclusive working environment.”

ANDREW E IGHEDO

**Sr Contracts Manager, Vice President
Rockwell Collins**



Collins Aerospace

“Michael Kutcher’s presentation to our sales and sales leadership teams at our National Sales Conference was absolutely amazing. We had 4 days of a solid agenda which creates fatigue. It had been hard for many to stay focused. From the moment that Michael took the stage to when he walked off the stage to a standing ovation, all the focus was on him and his incredibly powerful story. The story was GREAT. The delivery was GREAT. Not a dry eye in the house and the feedback that I’ve gotten has been the best for any speaker that has ever had the opportunity to get in front of Transamerica team. It made us think, it allowed us take perspective, it motivated us to be our very best; whoever we are and whatever we do. Thank YOU!!!”

BRIAN WALKER

**National Sales Director
Transamerica**



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"I've seen, delivered, and created thousands of presentations; this is one you shouldn't miss. Michael Kutcher's story is one of hope, triumph, courage, and just plain old toughness. In a good way, he'll make you laugh, cry and question your view of the world. This guy really is something else."

BRIAN BURKHART
Founder
SquarePlanet Presentations + Strategy



"As an event planner, Michael is a joy to work with. I would highly recommend Michael for your next event. He's very passionate about what he talks about, and the audience loved him."

PAUL JOHNSON
Director of Professional Development
Iowa Credit Union League



"My husband and I had the honor of being guests at the event last Saturday night. It is a night we will forever remember because of you. Your speech was beyond words and hit a strong chord."

MARIA BOITANO
Audience Member
Ability Path



"Michael was the keynote speaker for our 15th annual Power of Possibilities. Michael's message of hope, resilience, and possibilities inspired the nearly 350 donors and supporters that attended our largest fund-raising event of the year. All of the guests were grateful to hear his remarkable story. I enthusiastically recommend Michael as a keynote speaker for your fund raising or team building event."

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