



In the early 1960s, over 13,000 babies around the world were born with deformities as a direct result of Thalidomide - a drug prescribed to relieve morning sickness. **Alvin Law** was one of them. In his case, just a couple of the tiny pills were enough to cause him to be born without arms.

Facing what they thought was a hopeless situation, Alvin's birth family courageously gave him up for adoption. They hoped and prayed that their sickly, deformed newborn would somehow find a family more capable of caring for his needs. Luckily, their prayers were answered.

Hilda Law was a fifty-five-year-old foster mother who, along with her husband, Jack, took in neglected and abused children. They loved and encouraged them back from their hopelessness and, through social service programs, sent them to couples yearning for adoptions. They were truly special people.

One day in 1960, the most disturbing case they had ever seen was presented to them - Alvin. They were warned he'd never possess any quality of life and would likely need to be institutionalized.

Not only did Hilda nurse him back to health, but her intuition told her that lurking inside this impossible scenario was... hope. Through the Law's faith, dedication and infinite belief, little Alvin learned to use his feet for hands. Suddenly, his world opened up.

Alvin attended regular schools at a time when handicapped children were relegated to institutions or, at best, schools that segregated them from the 'normal' students. He was blessed to have remarkable teachers who recognized his potential, and worked with the Law family to encourage his abilities. Life took a turn for the amazing when Alvin discovered his musical ability and he joined the school band, playing...

## Testimonials

“Fantastic!” “Outstanding!” “He’s the most inspiring speaker I’ve ever heard!” These are just a few of the comments that I have been hearing since you spoke, Alvin. Thank you so very much for coming to our school. Our kids really responded so well to your message. I am certain these students will never forget your visit.

- Forest Lawn Senior High School.

Alvin did an exceptional job opening the Fraser Valley Economic Summit. He was entertaining, inspiring, and made his message relevant to the theme of the day. The delegates loved him, and the organizing committee was thrilled with what he brought to the event. I can't imagine anyone who would have done a better job opening our event and setting the tone for the day!”

- Alliance Public & Government Relations.

### Alvin Law

#### Speech Topics

- Religion / Faith
- Personal Growth
- Overcoming Adversity
- Motivation
- Inspiration
- Change

