



Kathy LeMay has committed her life to global social change. She began at the age of 14 launching an anti-apartheid campaign in her small Massachusetts mill town. Several human rights campaigns later which resulted in a LOT of press in a conventional rural community, she recalls her mother's nervous boss saying, "Will your daughter be appearing in the newspaper as a REGULAR thing?" Kathy's mother's reply: "With any luck, absolutely yes."

Since then Kathy has traveled the United States and the world listening to, learning from, and raising money for those who've survived war, genocide, gender-based violence, and climate-induced disasters. In the course of her work, Kathy has raised \$175M, led international women's human rights organizations, become a sought-after public speaker, a published author, and served as a philanthropic advisor to some of the world's most renowned philanthropists. It was while she was in these halls of power that Kathy realized that she did not feel as though she had arrived. She felt lost and not found in philanthropy.

Now, after thirty years in global social change, Kathy is going back to roots, back to where it all began. She's rediscovering what it means to teach someone to read, to feed families at soup kitchens, and to radically listen to each person's life and experience, and to share her story. Today, Kathy is capturing people's stories and words through photojournalism and aims to host her first exhibit in 2020.

For additional information on Kathy LeMay, please contact Executive Speakers Bureau 901.754.9404.

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Speech Topics

- Overcoming Adversity
- Global Leadership
- Female Motivational
- Change



Testimonials

"Each time I listen and exchange ideas with Kathy, I come away feeling more confident with an improved set of tools. In just a few short hours, I have had the opportunity to better understand the fundraising goals and approaches of peer organizations and re-energize my own!"

- Participants from "Raising Money in the new Philanthropic Landscape" workshop.

"Have you ever heard complete silence in a room of over 600 people? I hadn't until I hosted Kathy for a nonprofit event. Our guests were absolutely still and hanging onto her every word. Kathy inspired and moved our guests, and we can't recommend her enough."

- United Way of Snohomish County.