



Dave Dravecky's story is one of hope, courage and perseverance in the midst of dark and overwhelming uncertainty. In 1988 Dave was at the top of his game and life. Not only did he have a wonderful family but he was reaching his all-star peak playing the game of his childhood dreams. His 5-1 opening day victory over the Dodgers was overshadowed later that fall by the discovery of cancer and the removal of half of the deltoid muscle in his pitching arm. For baseball fans worldwide Dave Dravecky etched his name into history on August 10, 1989. Defying all odds, after battling cancer in his pitching arm, Dave came back to pitch once again in the Major Leagues. People were on their feet cheering and anticipating the game while he stretched and warmed up. He became an inspiration not only to cancer fighters, but to all who needed hope that day.

As Dave Dravecky took the mound, no one could deny the miracle that was taking place. After being told by his doctors, "Short of a miracle, you'll never pitch again," Dave pitched a 4-3 win for the San Francisco Giants. Sadly, Dave's comeback was short-lived. Five days later, in Montreal, Dave threw "...the pitch that could be heard round the world." Dave's arm had split in two. As he tumbled to the ground, his mind filled with doubt and fear. Little did he know that the dream he had since he was a little boy, was simply a platform for his purpose to share hope with the suffering around the world.

After Dave's comeback and fall from the mound, with the weakened bone, the cancer returned yet again. The arm was not going to get better at this point so Dave decided to retire from his dream, the game of baseball, in November of 1989. Slowly the treatment and the cancer ate away Dave's arm. Finally, ...

## Testimonials

"I felt compelled to write you to say it was an honor to meet you and to hear your heartfelt story. I was on the edge of my seat. You are an amazing man and it shows in your character. The obstacles you, your wife and family have come through are incredible. I loved your point of what do you measure your worth by. Thank you for speaking to our group".

- Conference Attendee.

"I wanted to pass a big thanks to Dave. From A-Z, it was a pleasure to work with you and I wish all celebrity experiences could be as positive as what we had with your team. Dave's speech was riveting and so relevant to our mission."

- Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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### Speech Topics

- Sports
- Overcoming Adversity
- Motivation

