

Steve Gross, M.S.W., is the Founder and Chief Playmaker of the Life is Good Kids Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that partners with leading childcare organizations to positively impact the quality of care delivered to the most vulnerable children. Steve is a leader in the field of psychological trauma response and a pioneer in utilizing playful engagement and meaningful relationships to overcome the devastating impact of early childhood trauma. Steve's talents have been called upon to respond to some of the greatest catastrophes of our time, including the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, earthquakes in Haiti and Japan, and the 2012 Newtown school shooting. At the heart of his work, Steve helps others discover the power of optimism so that they can build resilience and bring greater joy, connection, courage and creativity to their lives.

## **Testimonials**

"Steve was fabulous!! The team loved him and his topic and content was right on point. Our team members were enthused and motivated about what he had to say. He was an absolute pleasure to have at our event."

- Roseland Property.

"Steve was a rock star...he even signed autographs after his program. We knew some of our participants wouldn't be interested in the concept of playfulness in the workplace, but Steve did an awesome job making the connection."

- CALSAE: California Society of Association Executives.

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## **Speech Topics**

Youth

Philanthropy & Volunteerism

Personal Growth

Overcoming Adversity

Motivation

Inspiration

