



# MEG ZUCKER

Speaker | Author | Advocate

Meg Zucker is the Founder and President of **Don't Hide It, Flaunt It (DHIFI)**, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing acceptance, understanding, tolerance and respect for people's visible or invisible differences, and

the author of *Born Extraordinary: Empowering Children with Differences and Disabilities* (published by TarcherPerigee/Penguin Random House). Meg was born with Ectrodactyly, a genetic condition which results in her having shortened forearms, one finger on each hand and one toe on each foot and which she passed on to two of her children. A Wall Street lawyer with over twenty years of experience in the field of

anti-money laundering, Meg was inspired to start DHIFI when her oldest child was bullied in elementary school because of his physical difference. For the past seven years, DHIFI has partnered with Scholastic Inc. to provide Social Emotional Learning/ empathy programming to students nationwide.

Meg has combined her skills as a prominent anti-money laundering speaker and her personal experience to become an inspirational and impactful speaker to audiences ranging from students and faculty in schools to community groups and Fortune 500 corporations. Her speeches have reached millions of people across the country, and she has empowered attendees to celebrate their visible and invisible differences, create cultures of inclusion and spread empathy.

## SAMPLE SPEECH TOPICS:

- **What You Think of Me Is None of My Business:** Finding Your Dignity & Embracing Your Superpower
- **From Shame to Shine:** Providing Parents the Tools to Empower Their Children While Teaching Empathy to All
- **Acceptance in the Workplace:** How to Approach Someone Who Is Different

Sharing her message of empathy and empowerment, Meg has been featured on *TODAY (NBC)* and *My Extraordinary Family (The Learning Channel)*. Meg is profiled in the 2021 book *The Female Lead: We Rise By Lifting Others*. Meg's articles have appeared in primary national print media and magazines such as *USA Today*, *Parents* magazine and *The Forward*.

## Mike Lee, CEO, RBC Global Asset Management

"Meg provided the keynote Diversity & Inclusion speech for our Global Asset Management department and was outstanding. Her presentation was well-attended and clearly had an impact on our team. We all appreciated her courage and willingness to share her story and personal journey. She is a force of positivity and several of my colleagues commented that Meg was an amazing and inspiring speaker and that they wish they had heard from her when they were younger."

## Daniel Shapiro, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel

"When the U.S. Embassy in Israel hosted Meg Zucker as a Distinguished American Speaker, the audiences she spoke and met with were deeply inspired by her personal story, and her effective advocacy."

## INQUIRIES:

For more information about DHIFI's programs or to book Meg as a speaker or panel member for a school, community organization or corporate DEI presentation, contact [dhifi.inc@gmail.com](mailto:dhifi.inc@gmail.com)

For more information about Meg's book, *Born Extraordinary*, or to book Meg to speak in connection with her book, use this link to <https://megzucker.com/contact/>

## SELECT TESTIMONIALS:

### Executive Director, Asset Management, PGIM Real Estate

"A huge THANK YOU for speaking to both the US and global leadership teams at our Inclusion & Leadership Network (ILN) meeting. Your sessions were everything we could have hoped for... your story, experiences and advice were perfect for this audience and really hit home the purpose of the meeting — to embrace and celebrate our differences so we can create a more inclusive culture."

### Carole Quealy, Cornell University, Alumni Affairs & Development

"During our 2019 President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) Symposium, Meg gave an impressionable presentation which embodied our theme of 'PCCW Celebrates One Cornell: Diversity and Inclusion.' Not only was Meg's presentation insightful, thoughtful and impactful, but she captivated the audience. Sharing stories about those who go through life with visible and invisible differences made us aware that we all face difficulties and challenges in many ways, but together, through education and awareness, we can be compassionate, loving and caring to everyone, no matter the trials and tribulations ahead."

## MEG ZUCKER – PUBLISHED WORKS

[Born Extraordinary: Empowering Children with Differences and Disabilities](#) *March, 2023*

[I Spent Years Hiding My Physical Differences. That's Why I Taught My Sons to Flaunt Theirs.](#) *USA Today, June 18, 2022*

[What I Wish 'The Witches' Producers Knew About Growing Up With Ectrodactyly](#) *TheMighty.com, December 3, 2020*

[COVID Forces Us to Keep Our Distance. But Some of Us Were Already Used to Being Avoided](#) *USA Today, September 1, 2020*

[Why I Hope We'll Continue to Rethink the Handshake After the COVID-19 Pandemic Ends](#) *TheMighty.com, May 3, 2020*

[Why I Have a Problem With The Word Disabled](#) *Motherwell Magazine, November 2, 2017*

[Strawberry Fields Forever: Finding Love with Limb Differences](#) *TheMighty.com, August 22, 2017*

[How Passing My Condition to My Kids Helped Me Love Myself](#) *Parents Magazine, December 20, 2016*

[What Reactions to My Family's Physical Differences Inspired Me to Do](#) *TheMighty.com, September 11, 2015*

[Learning How to Flaunt It](#) *Forward.com, July 11, 2012*

[What to Do When Someone Is Different](#) *Parents Magazine, October 31, 2011*

[The Beauty of Imperfection](#) *ScaryMommy.com, September 23, 2011*

## MEG ZUCKER & FAMILY – FEATURED IN PRINT AND TELEVISION

[Everyday Hero: She Teaches How Great Our Differences Make Us](#) *Woman's World, March 20, 2023*

[Empathy, Respect, Empowerment at Heart of Guest Speaker Meg Zucker's Upper School Talk](#) *Oak Knoll School Newsletter, April 2022*

*The Female Lead: We Rise By Lifting Others*, November, 2021

[Urbana Native Makes a Difference with Her Difference](#) *wandtv.com, March 28, 2021*

[CUSF Award-Winner 'Making a Difference with My Difference'](#) *The News-Gazette, March 7, 2021*

[How Meg Zucker is Teaching Acceptance & Building Confidence](#) *justBOBBI.com, August 19, 2019*

[Why Meg Zucker Calls Ectrodactyly Her Greatest Gift](#) *I Am The Voluntourist.com, July, 2019*

[What Makes Charlie Awesome](#) *Scholastic Storyworks Magazine, January, 2017*

[My Extraordinary Family](#) *The Learning Channel, May 15, 2015*

[Meg Zucker is a Mom on a Mission](#) *Scholastic Parent and Child Magazine, May 20, 2013*

[Born with Just Two Fingers, Mom Finds Beauty in Imperfection](#) *Today.com, August 1, 2012*

[Mother Turns Handicap into Teaching Opportunity](#) *TODAY Show, January 4, 2012*

[The Awesome Powers of Ethan Z.](#) *Scholastic Storyworks Magazine, October, 2011*

All articles and media clips on this page are available via hyperlink by clicking on blue titles.

### FEES:

Speaking fees vary based upon location, scope and other factors.

For speaking engagements related to DHIFI and/or its programs, 100% of fees will be donated to DHIFI, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.