

Ethan Zohn

Motivational speaker and two time cancer survivor

Ethan Zohn is a former professional soccer player, cancer survivor, winner of the hit reality television show Survivor Africa, co-founder of Grassroot Soccer and two-time cancer crusher. As demonstrated by his charitable work, volunteerism, and community involvement, Ethan believes that a better and healthier world can be achieved through education, advocacy and inspiration.

Cancer Crusher and Advocate: In April 2009, Ethan Zohn was diagnosed with CD 20+ Hodgkin's Lymphoma. After multiple rounds of chemotherapy and an autologous stem cell transplant, he learned that his cancer had returned. Thanks to the dedication of a team of doctors, Ethan underwent a course of experimental treatment and received a second stem cell transplant in 2011 this time from his brother. Today he lives a cancer free life.

Ethan Zohn serves as a National Ambassador for Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C), The LIVESTRONG Foundation, Gabrielle's Angel Foundation and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He also works with Autism Speaks, America Scores, Stupid Cancer, Maccabi USA, Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital's Cycle for Survival and Be The Match.

Public Speaker: Ethan Zohn travels the world as a motivational speaker emphasizing character, leadership, resiliency, values and service to nurture the immense potential that young people have to change their world. Ethan routinely addresses high schools, colleges, corporate, and professional audiences, including United Synagogue Youth, Jewish National Federation, Goldman Sachs, Young Professionals Organization, NCAA, WE Day, Atlantic Health Systems, Seattle Genetics, Genentech, Lynne Schusterman Foundation/ROI, Tribefest, American Cancer Society, Oncology Nurses Certification Program, and a variety of others.

Co-Founder, Grassroot Soccer: With the \$1 million prize money that Ethan Zohn secured in winning the 2002 Survivor: Africa, he co-founded Grassroot Soccer (GRS), a nonprofit organization that uses the power of soccer to strengthen communities and empower young people to stop the spread of HIV. Since 2002, GRS has graduated over 1.3 Million children from its tailored, soccer-based HIV prevention-curriculum. GRS now directly implements programs throughout Southern Africa and partners with organizations to implement its curriculum in over 40 countries around the world. Ethan has contributed to GRS' ability to develop a strong donor network, including Nike, the Gates Foundation, USAID, FIFA, Elton John AIDS Foundation, Barclays, Peace Corps and the MAC AIDS Fund. In the summer of 2010, Ethan and Grassroot Soccer teamed up with the (RED) Campaign to bring Soccer Skillz Camps to children in South Africa during the 2010 FIFA World Cup.