

Chris Gardner

Inspiration for the Film, *The Pursuit of Happyness*

Life, Legacy, & The Pursuit Of Happyness. Chris Gardner's inspiring keynote speech focuses on messages of perseverance and personal responsibility in times of crisis. Chris communicates these themes through the story of his own triumph over adversity while homeless on the streets of San Francisco with his son, to his subsequent success as stock broker, CEO, single father, and author of the best-selling autobiography, *The Pursuit of Happyness* and Associate Producer of the film starring Will Smith in the role of Chris Gardner.

In his speech, Chris Gardner discusses:

- What he has learned about beating the odds and overcoming obstacles.
- The application of an entrepreneurial approach to remaking your life and fulfilling your own "Pursuit of Happyness."
- Why passion is a prerequisite for success.
- The necessity of a clear plan to realize your dreams, with the characteristics Chris Gardner calls the "5 C's": Clear, Concise, Compelling, Committed, Consistent.
- Why recessions are the best time to initiate a new business or career path.
- The importance of fatherhood and insights on balancing family and career commitments.