



The Will To Live Foundation, Inc.

"For The Kids, Through The Kids, By The Kids"



John Trautwein

Key Note Speaker - Bio

- A native of the Chicago area, John moved to Johns Creek, GA in 1997, where he and his wife Susie and their four kids have continually played a positive role in the community.
- In October, 2010, John and his family suffered the tragic loss of his 15 year old Son Will who took his own life, in his bedroom, while his loving and un-suspecting family was sleeping peacefully just a few feet away. Will, a wonderful boy, was a freshman at Northview High School, and his death devastated not only the Trautwein's but the entire community.
- Quickly, the Trautwein's learned the cold hard truth about teenage suicide, as well as the mental illnesses like depression that are leading kids to suicide at an alarming rate in America.
- As a result, John and his wife Susie started a nonprofit organization called "The Will To Live Foundation" to work closely with the kids of our communities to not only help spread the message of teen suicide awareness but also help these teens recognize the wonderful bonds of friendship we call "life teammate bonds" that help each other find the good in life!
- John is a Graduate of Northwestern University and an Ex professional baseball player (Expos/Red Sox). He pitched in the major leagues for the Boston Red Sox in 1988. His wife Susie was a lacrosse and Field hockey player for the University of VA, thus you'll understand why the foundation's message is so focused on the concept of "teammates" whether it be sports, clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups, churches, school clubs, bands or families.... Life Teammates are in our lives today!
- Since the foundation started, John has been making well over 100 speeches and presentations every year to both parents and kids in communities across the country, spreading not only the suicide awareness message, but also the foundation's message of finding "love" and "hope" and support from your friends – your life teammates. Teaching kids to talk about it.
- John has turned the tragedy of the loss of his son, into a positive message that improves the lives and the Will To Live of kids everywhere. The "kids of Will To Live" have raised over \$500,000 in an effort to raise awareness, and have funded the acclaimed "Signs of Suicide" Program in schools not only in Atlanta but all over the country.
- The Will To Live Foundation have been recognized on CNN, CBS News, Fox Sports, The Big Ten Network and Fox Sports just to name a few, and in 2012, John and his wife Susie were awarded the "Presidential Point of Light" award for their work with the foundation.

[Click here to learn what they're saying about John's presentations!](http://will-to-live.org/what-they-are-saying/)

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A Father's Story of Hope!



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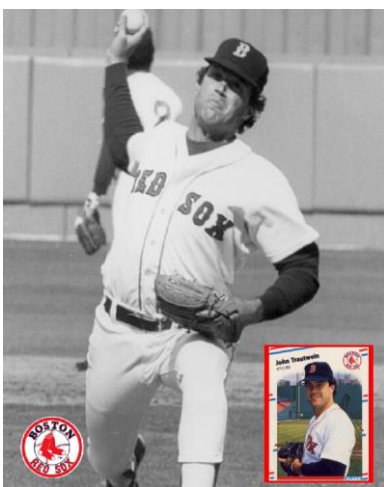
John and Will Trautwein – May 2010



Will Trautwein, August 2010



The Trautwein Family, April 2010



John Trautwein with the Boston Red Sox - 1988



John Trautwein
Giving his "Life Teammates" Speech

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