

Childhood Trauma: From Pain to Power

The road to redemption isn't easy to walk on. Its path is filled with hurdles of embarrassment, barricades of guilt, and barriers of pain, and it gets even more difficult at every turn. But it doesn't matter how difficult it gets, it is never impossible to turn it all around and redeem yourself. When it comes to traumatic memories, terrible childhood experiences leave a long-lasting imprint, and often these mental scars are impossible to heal. Physical scars and wounds might fade after a period of time, but traumatic memories and experiences leave wounded adults that suffer from excessive shame. These memories and experiences hold us back in life, making us vulnerable to failure and prone to mishaps. But we're here to show you how to turn your Pain to Power.

"Childhood Trauma: From Pain to Power" believes in handing a shot at redemption to people who are always held back by these traumatic memories. We feel that people who undergo such traumatic memories and come out victorious are the best people to speak to others suffering from the same experiences.

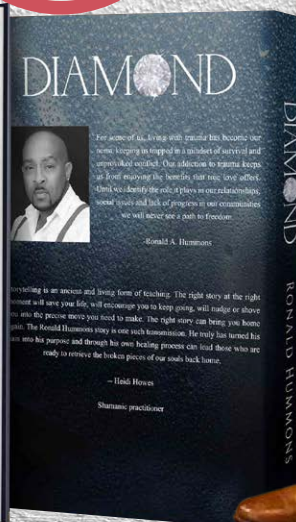
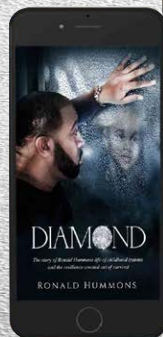
During the tour, Ronald Hummons will talk about how important it is to not shy away from your traumatic memories and to embrace them to create the survival skills needed to overcome. Fresh from recently publishing his book, *DIAMOND*, Ronald Hummons will talk about his personal experiences and his own traumatic childhood experiences, which he had to overcome to excel at life. Who is more qualified to talk about overcoming your inner barriers than a person who has gone through a similar experience?

A person who was born of rape, survived 2 abortion attempts, and physical abuse that left him battered and bruised at a tender age of 5, Ronald Hummons is the embodiment of resilience, determination, and overcoming; everything that you need to succeed at life.

Ronald's speech will be special, not only because he is a qualified author who has written about the serious mental blocks that are established by childhood traumatic memories, but also because he has experienced the same blocks and overcome them. Alongside Ronald Hummons, Dr. Ray

Blanchette will speak on the clinical implications of these traumatic events in one's life. Dr. Ray Blanchette is a psychologist and a therapist, and in collaboration with Ronald, will talk about how anyone can turn this pain into power.

Recent scientific research has unequivocally proven how traumatic events at a younger age can affect a person's development. Stunted growth, depression, and mental disorders are common in children that suffer from terrible childhood experiences. Ronald Hummons and Dr. Ray Blanchette will dive deep into the effects of childhood trauma and take you on a journey of healing.



Ronald Hummons

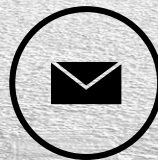
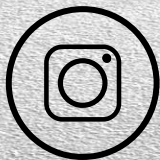
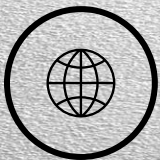
Ronald Hummons grew up on the rough streets of Over-the-Rhine in downtown Cincinnati. He attended Woodward High School where he dropped out in the 11th grade. His childhood, charged with poverty and abuse, led to his loneliness and eventual alienation from his peers. At age eleven, he ran away from his adopted father's house to live with his biological father. His real father was a drug addict addicted to heroin and cocaine. Influenced by his father, Hummons learned the street life in order to survive. Hummons wound up in prison by the time he was twenty-four where he served almost 7 years.

In prison, he sketched clothing designs to ward off frustration and boredom. Because of his offense, felonious assault, Hummons found it difficult to find a job after he was released from prison. He ended up homeless and desperate. While living on the streets, he made the decision to launch his clothing line. Ronald Hummons spent weeks in the Government and Business Department of the Cincinnati Library, researching business plans, patents, and distribution. He also attended classes offered by the Small Business Association. He wrote and sent out over 100 letters to investors; and eventually, several responded to his request and helped Hummons manufacture his first clothing samples in China. His clothing line, now known as Grapevine Collection, has released numerous lines including the C-town Apparel, OHIO HOME APPAREL and Dimepiece. "I left home with nothing but a vision," Hummons says. "I remember I laid on park benches and the alleys [near] the Elm Street Clinic with just my drawings, my Bible and a dream." -quoted in City Beat, "It's the Shoe," by Nichelle Bolden.

In 2015 Ronald would face the biggest tragedy he's ever experienced. Ronald's son Trepierre lost his battle to manic depression and P.T.S.D and committed suicide by cop. Ronald used this painful experience to educate himself on mental illness. He received his certification through N.A.M.I (National Association of Mental Illness) and a certification in Behavioral Disorders in D.C. Ronald had developed an app called #STRIKEBACK that will help people suffering from depression have tools at their fingertips to fightback against depression and suicidal thoughts.

Trepierre's story was more than suicide by cop. The tragedy didn't begin on June 19th 2015th, it started when Trepierre was 11 years old crying to a Child Protective Service caseworker to let him go with his dad while his mom and mom's boyfriend were being investigated for child abuse. The courts and CPS forced young Tre to grow up in a toxic environment filled with domestic violence, physical abuse, drugs abuse, despite his father who was an accomplished entrepreneur custody petition.

Ronald channeled his pain into his writing and research and now educating people on the long term effect of childhood trauma and his personal experience of trauma that gave him the will to overcome.



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