

A Great New Resource to Improve Patient Care!

Introducing... *The Stories Workshop*

For Healthcare Providers

The unique, interactive program – proven to energize caregivers and build work teams.

What is it all about?

The Stories Workshop is an entertaining and enlightening learning experience that will enhance your team's listening and communication skills – boosting the performance of each employee and the entire organization.

It's a blend of education, storytelling and music – delivered by a nationally recognized musician and skilled staff educators. Participants will discover new insights about themselves and each other, and rekindle their motivation to care for persons in need.

The Stories Workshop will leave your staff refreshed and energized to perform their work with greater appreciation for each person's contribution and a better understanding of how relationships are built by listening.



Michael Kelly Blanchard

Who benefits?

Unlike a "typical" training program, **The Stories Workshop** provides enduring benefits at multiple levels:

- **Employees** benefit by acquiring new skills for communication and relationship-building.
- **Managers/Directors** can heighten staff receptivity/support for communication of mission, values and goals.
- **Patients/Clients** gain as caregivers apply improved listening and interactive skills to provide compassionate care.
- **Professional Organizations** can help their members reclaim their motivation and focus.

The Stories Workshop reinforces principles of meaningful, positive and respectful dialogue, feeding the spirit through the arts.

Is it cost-effective?

Our scheduling approach means we often conduct multiple presentations in a given geographic region. This allows us to keep our travel expenses low and spread costs across several programs – passing along the benefit to you. Our satisfied clients tell us that **The Stories Workshop** is one of the best educational program values available. We will be happy to work with you to deliver a high quality, rewarding program within your budget and in various presentation lengths.

How does it work?

Singer-songwriter **Michael Kelly Blanchard** provides story-songs as a thread throughout the workshop. **David Blauw** engages participants in building and exchanging stories of their own. This combination of presentation and interaction allows participants to embrace and apply useful tools for effective listening and communication. Work teams are strengthened and real skills can immediately be applied to work with clients or patients.



David Blauw

Can it be customized?

Yes. **The Stories Workshop** has been presented to rave reviews in a wide variety of settings – including:

- hospitals
- not-for-profit organizations
- hospices
- long-term care settings

We will work closely with you to make sure the program meets your specific needs and exceeds your organization's expectations. And, we can help in providing educational CEU's for those who attend.

What people are saying about The Stories Workshop.

“What a wonderfully engaging workshop! David Blauw and Michael Kelly Blanchard were masterful in both content and style. I was not only thoroughly entertained, but feel remarkably able to actually apply and retain the information. I would recommend this workshop to anyone who could benefit from some personal and professional validation and rejuvenation. Thank you for inspiring me to more deeply listen to my patients and the stories that connect us all.”

– Deb Gauldin, RN, Chicago

“The Stories Workshop has the power to invoke deep memories and emotions in each of us. Through his songs, Michael Kelly Blanchard’s stories become our stories. Through his guidance, David Blauw leads us to the realization that we are both uniquely different and surprisingly alike. In the process, we learn to become better listeners, not only to others’ stories, but to our own hearts.”

– Cathie Vander Velden,
Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh, WI

“The Stories Workshop was a deep and moving experience, which helped me understand myself better as well as the world of my patients.”

– James Dunlap, Chicago

“Outstanding and healing! Excellent in every respect. Each presenter opened their life experiences to us and resonated with themes and feelings in our own stories. This workshop will profoundly shape the way we do care. Thanks for validating and affirming in us our stories. We were moved and enriched.”

– From The Association of
Professional Chaplains, Toronto

“Thank you for bringing this empowering workshop to us. This was an excellent workshop for the caregivers as a relaxing time out. I will be able to use this information in my work. I cried, I laughed, I learned.”

– Mercy General Health Partners, Muskegon, MI

The Stories Workshop



... Because we all
have a story to tell.

How do we get started?

We'd love to hear from you! To obtain more information about **The Stories Workshop** call our number below to speak with us directly. Your email inquiry is also always welcomed. We look forward to exploring options and learning how we can be of service to your group or organization!

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