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## **BIO**

Kathleen graduated from Kent State University in 1996, some 25 years after high school. It was the real turning point in her thought process about writing. After taking advance writing classes there, she wrote for several years, keeping those writings with the intention of one day putting them into book form. She earned a Bachelors of General Studies Degree with a concentration in Conflict Resolution minoring in Psychology, which poised her for what she would face in raising a special needs child. She also is six credit hours away from a dual degree in graphic design.

Her education includes a broad sweep of classes for circumstances arising during mediations including real estate. She received her Ohio Supreme Court Mediation training in Oct./Nov. of 1994. Additionally, she studied conflict resolution from multiple perspectives for parent-teen, victim-offender, K-12 mediations, neighborhood disputes and trained to train facilitators for Round Table Discussions in Racism. She completed all mandates for Practitioner's Status with the Academy of Family Mediators as of August, 2000.

During the course of Kathleen's pursuit for her degrees, she also taught her son kindergarten and first grade in a conference room provided by the university. She blended her studies with his, never forgetting his condition and educational needs.

A conscience decision was made by Kathleen on Brian's behalf to afford him the best parochial education possible which led him to attend her alma mater of which Christopher Columbus, Director of Harry Potter fame is an alum as well.

Work experiences of Kathleen's include mediating full divorces, parent/teen mediations, custody disputes, parental rights and responsibilities, shared parenting/companionship and property disputes.

She was the first Center Coordinator/mediator at The Solace Center, a supervised visitation site for parents and children where Kathleen also taught parenting classes. Kathleen taught mediation skills at the General Motors Lordstown Assembly Plant through the Continuing Education Program at Kent State University.

She developed a community-based start-up mediation program receiving court referrals and later developed a mediation program for parents and teens creating a Policy and Procedure Manual for that purpose. During her work in Portage County, Kathleen did on-site mediations for the Ravenna Police Department and training for the officers. She also provided training to law enforcement officers from the Portage County Sheriffs' Department, Streetsboro Police Department and Windham Police Department. She mediated cases from the Portage County Department of Human Services and at a drug and alcohol intervention program. She taught high risk children in an alternative school about conflict resolution and how to de-escalate their anger.

Kathleen founded Trumbull Mahoning Mediation and Conflict Resolution Group, Inc. winning a New Business Challenge award of \$20,000 as seed money for a “New Concept” business benefiting the Trumbull and Mahoning counties. This start-up company was developed exclusively by Kathleen in an effort to help others avoid the perils she experienced.

She was part of the lobbying effort in Washington DC for 12.8 million dollars in funds to be released to the IDF, Immune Deficiency Foundation searching a cure to her son's rare “orphan” medical condition.

When her son Brian lost his \$12K a month treatment funding, her phone crusade calling Ohio State representatives and anyone else that would listen, ended in reinstatement of funding. Her efforts also helped others in Ohio going without this life-saving medication.

When Brian received a Wish from the Make A Wish Foundation, the family adopted that special charity, engaging in many fundraising events. His Wish became the driving force behind Kathleen

teaching her son to plan a gala event from the ground up by developing a fundraising birthday extravaganza, hosting 250 people. Together they raised \$1,350. for the foundation.

She invited celebrity John Travolta who, though unable to attend, sent a letter with his best wishes and autographed picture. His compelling portrayal of David Vetter in the movie, *The Boy In The Plastic Bubble*, which told the story of the boy with the same medical condition as her son was Kathleen's inspiration for the invitation. Kathleen also landed an appearance from Drew Tyler Bell of *the Bold and Beautiful* who graciously signed autographs at the party.

After speaking with aides for the John Kerry Campaign, Kathleen was able to secure a meeting with his “front people.” A discussion took place to showcase Brian as their spokesperson for Stem-Cell research. However, due to time constraints the showcase became impossible.

Kathleen's above unique life experiences, from being a cancer survivor and becoming handicapped herself, gives her the qualifying expertise to write “For Brian's Sake.” She writes not only from her heart, but with firsthand knowledge of the vast maze parents of special needs children must navigate. Kathleen also learned and wants to pass on how to put yourself on your to do list. She displays how, with special nurturing of a child, one can blossom the person within.