

Donna Visocky, Visionary

Her Legacy: Finding strength and courage following a tragic loss

After her daughter, Kristi, died in an automobile accident at the age of 21, Donna Visocky struggled to find meaning in her life. To give her renewed hope and a reason to continue, she founded *BellaSpark*, a visionary organization designed to help people find the beautiful spark within themselves. She has met, interviewed and facilitated conversations with hundreds of the world's top visionaries, change-makers, speakers, artists and musicians who bring their gifts and talents to help our individual spark to grow. She has created events and conversations in several US and Canadian locations and developed *BellaSpark* magazine to share the stories more widely. She credits her daughter with guiding her to reach out to others as she has done.

Donna founded the Evening of Extraordinary People series, presenting authors of spiritual books to the public, with proceeds going to the Kristi Visocky memorial scholarship fund. Through the series, she brought Deepak Chopra and Wayne Dyer, among others, to Fort Collins. Other events to benefit the scholarship fund included a golf tournament and Kristi's Big Night Out. The aim of the scholarship is to help young women who could not otherwise afford it to attend college and break the cycle of poverty.

In her new book, *"I'll Meet You at the Base of the Mountain,"* Donna candidly shares intimate moments of her struggle to rebuild her life after the loss of her child. Motivated by guidance she receives from Kristi on the other side and a compelling, but puzzling directive: "I'll meet you at the base of the mountain," Donna relates her soul's journey to find meaning and hope in the midst of tragedy.

"I appreciate that this journey is ongoing, and I am never done; there is always more to learn, to experience."

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