Opening keynote:

No Barriers Life: Rope Team

Bill Barkeley
Deaf-blind Adventurer, Advocate, Author & Storyteller
An Extreme Version Of You
Choreographer of 2 Worlds

Usher’s Syndrome Type 2: Deaf-Blindness

A relentless march further and further into darkness and silence.
My Vision

“Pity the man that has vision but cannot see.”

- Helen Keller
My Real Vision

Adventurer
Advocate
Author
Storyteller

On life’s journey, we ALL can have significance, meaning and impact in this world.
Adventurer Insights
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Life’s Summit: Overcome **AND** Transcend Barriers
NO BARRIERS LIFE ELEMENTS

VISION
Define a purpose that inspires you to give your best back to the world.

REACH
Move beyond your comfort zone to grow and reach goals.

PIONEER
Persevere through challenges to innovate.

ROPE TEAM
Collaborate and connect others to build strong communities

ALCHEMY
Harness life experience into optimism

ELEVATE
Impact the world as a leader who serves

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ROPE TEAM
COLLABORATE AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES
We all have barriers and challenges.

The Beauty of Life Is the Struggle of Life.
Advocate / Storyteller Insights
## The BLINDNESS* MOUNTAINS:

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* And most disabilities!
My Life Journey With Vision Loss

“Halo” Experiences

The Independence and Interdependence Conundrum
"Halo" Experience:

Missed Diagnosis:

*Mall Visit - 1988*
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"Halo" Experience:

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Personal Navigation, Safety and Advocacy
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