

Biography



Lauren A. Kelley

Lauren A. Kelley was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and received her bachelor's degree in child psychology and development from Regis College. She worked as a psychologist with handicapped children for four years before earning her master's degree in international economics and business from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She worked for six years as an economic consultant at DRI/McGraw-Hill.

Laurie is the mother of a child with hemophilia, and is a recognized world leader in patient education on bleeding disorders. She founded LA Kelley Communications in 1990 when she found no practical parenting or consumer information on hemophilia. She is the author of eleven books on bleeding disorders, including the world's first parenting book on hemophilia, the world's first book on von Willebrand Disease, and the world's first educational books for children with hemophilia. Laurie is founder and editor of the quarterly hemophilia magazine *Parent Empowerment Newsletter*, the oldest hemophilia newsletter in the United States. She publishes articles constantly about all topics related to bleeding disorders.

Laurie is a polished and engaging speaker. She travels frequently, both nationally and internationally, to empower families, NGOs and medical groups through lectures and interactive workshops. Since 2004, she has become a leading patient educator in insurance reform in the US.

Laurie is committed to providing humanitarian aid to the developing world, as well as leadership training to improve long-term healthcare. She founded Project SHARE, a humanitarian program that donates millions of dollars worth of blood-clotting medicine annually to impoverished patients in developing countries.

Laurie is also founder and chair of Save One Life, a nonprofit child sponsorship agency for children with bleeding disorders in developing countries. She has traveled extensively in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia at her own expense to help impoverished patients with bleeding disorders and the nonprofits that serve them.

Uniquely, since she founded her company in 1990, all of Laurie's books, services and humanitarian programs are offered free of charge to patients, clinics and nonprofits worldwide.

Laurie lives in Georgetown, Massachusetts, with her husband Kevin, a scientist and manager of quality control at New England BioLabs, and their three children: son Tommy, age 22, who has hemophilia A, and daughters Tara and Mary, ages 19 and 16. Laurie is a fitness enthusiast and enjoys traveling, rock climbing, skydiving, cycling, history, and playing classical piano.

Education

BA Child Psychology <i>with honors</i> Regis College <i>Weston, Massachusetts</i>	1979
MA International Business/Economics Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Tufts University <i>Medford, Massachusetts</i>	1985

Employment

LA Kelley Communications, Inc. <i>Georgetown, Massachusetts</i>	President 1990-current
DRI/McGraw-Hill <i>Lexington, Massachusetts</i>	Economist 1986-1991
The Fernald School <i>Waltham, Massachusetts</i>	Staff Psychologist 1981-1985

Publications

Author, Parenting/Patient Books

<i>Raising a Child With Hemophilia</i>	2007 (ed 4)
<i>Teach Your Child About Hemophilia</i>	2007
<i>Raising a Child With Hemophilia in Latin America</i>	2006
<i>Success as a Hemophilia Leader</i>	2004
<i>A Guide to Living With von Willebrand Disease</i>	2006
<i>Empower Yourself About Hemophilia</i>	2004
<i>Raising a Child With Inhibitors</i>	2009

Author, Children's Books

<i>Must You Always Be a Boy?</i>	1991
<i>Alexis, The Prince Who Had Hemophilia</i>	1992
<i>Joshua, Knight of the Red Snake</i>	1995
<i>They'll Probably Ask You "What is Hemophilia?"</i>	1995
<i>Tell Them the Facts! About Hemophilia</i>	1995

Author, Teaching Tool

<i>Consumer's Guide to Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease Products</i>	2007 (ed 2)
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Founder and Editor, Newsletters

<i>Parent Empowerment Newsletter</i>	1990-current
<i>Hemophilia Leader</i>	1996-2005

Presentations

Annually to hemophilia patients, NGOs and medical groups worldwide



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