Courtney Johnson

NONPROFIT FOUNDER & MOTIVATIONAL ADVOCATE

COURTNEY BIO

Courtney Johnson is a visionary entrepreneur and passionate advocate for supporting individuals and families fighting cancer. At 23, she founded Culinary Care, a Chicago-based nonprofit, inspired by her father's battle with lung cancer and the impact of meals delivered to their home. Under her leadership, Culinary Care has delivered over 30,000 free meals in the past 10 years to families fighting cancer, reducing loneliness, restoring hope, and fostering community.

Courtney's story exemplifies the power of compassion, perseverance, and turning personal pain into purpose.

She has been recognized as a Crain's Chicago 20 in their 20s honoree and a Tyson Foods Meals that Matter Hero®, inspiring others to make a lasting impact in the fight against cancer.



"Hearing Courtney speak is a transformative experience. Her passion and authenticity shine through every word she shares. Courtney left our group feeling empowered and motivated to make a difference. She has a unique gift for connecting with people on a deep level, instilling hope, and inspiring action."

Book Courtney to speak!

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SPEAKING TOPICS

Choose from the following topics:

- 1. Turning Pain into Purpose
- 2. From Small Beginnings to Big Impact: Growing a Nonprofit for Lasting Change
- 3. Empower to Impact: Lessons from an Entrepreneur and Advocate
- 4. Filling a Gap: Turning Your Restaurant into a Socially Impactful Organization

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Turning Pain into Purpose

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PROGRAM BIO

This inspiring topic highlights the remarkable journey of transforming pain into purpose, drawing from the powerful story behind Culinary Care, a nonprofit founded by Courtney Johnson. This topic explores the transformative power of personal pain and demonstrates how it can be harnessed to create a lasting impact.

- How to find purpose and meaning in the face of adversity
- Strategies for channeling personal pain into a positive force for change
- The importance of empathy and community support in times of hardship
- How to create sustainable impact through compassionate initiatives
- Inspiring stories of resilience and perseverance from the journey of Culinary Care
- Ways to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, even with limited resources
- Techniques for self-care and managing emotional well-being while advocating for a cause



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From Small Beginnings to Big Impact: Growing a Nonprofit for Lasting Change

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Learn valuable insights and strategies for growing a nonprofit organization from a visionary leader and experienced nonprofit professional. Drawing inspiration from the remarkable journey of Culinary Care, a nonprofit founded by Courtney, this topic will provide attendees with practical guidance on scaling impact, fostering community support, and achieving sustainable growth.

- Essential steps to establish and grow a successful nonprofit organization
- Strategies for building a strong and engaged community of supporters
- Leveraging partnerships and collaborations for increased impact
- Overcoming challenges and navigating setbacks in nonprofit growth
- Practical insights on scaling services while maintaining quality and impact
- Inspiring stories and lessons from the journey of Culinary Care in delivering meals and support to cancer patients and their families



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Leading with Purpose: How Entrepreneurs Can Drive Impactful Advocacy

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Courtney, the visionary founder of Culinary Care, will share valuable lessons and insights from her journey as an entrepreneur and advocate. Discover how Courtney's passion and resilience led to the establishment of Culinary Care, a nonprofit supporting families fighting cancer through meal programs. This topic aims to inspire and empower attendees to embrace their leadership potential, overcome challenges, and make a lasting impact in their communities.

- The importance of identifying and pursuing causes that align with values and passions
- Strategies for transforming personal pain into a driving force for positive change
- Practical insights on starting and growing a successful nonprofit organization
- The art of building a strong community of supporters and engaged advocates
- How to navigate challenges and setbacks
- Ways to leverage partnerships and collaborations for increased impact and reach
- The power of storytelling and effective communication in rallying support



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Filling a Gap: Turning Your Restaurant into a Socially Impactful Organization

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Discover the immense power your restaurant holds in giving back to the community. Courtney Johnson, the visionary founder of Culinary Care, will share insights on how to transform your restaurant into a socially impactful organization. This topic will inspire restaurant owners and managers to embrace their role in making a difference and filling a critical gap in their communities.

- How your restaurant can become a force for social change and make a positive impact
- Practical strategies for meaningful partnerships to extend your reach and impact
- How to leverage your restaurant's resources and influence to foster a sense of community
- How to communicate your commitment to social impact to your customers and community
- Practical steps to implement socially impactful programs - considering logistics, scalability, and sustainability
- Ways to engage your restaurant staff and team in meaningful community initiatives, fostering a sense of pride in their work