

Tom Tuohy



Tom Tuohy is the founder and president of Dreams for Kids, a global youth empowerment organization, and author of the critically acclaimed book, *Dreams for Kids, Changing the World...One Person at a Time*.

Tom attended DePaul University and graduated with honors with a Bachelors of Science degree. While attending DePaul Law School, Tom studied International Law at Cambridge University in England and returned to DePaul to receive his Juris Doctorate. He is a Kellogg School of Northwestern University Executive Scholar and a Stanford University Fellow for Social Innovation.

Tom served as Special Assistant Attorney General of Illinois and later founded Tuohy Law Offices which provides legal education seminars and legal services to municipal employees, members of labor unions, and the general public.

Inspired by his mother, a single parent, Tom founded Dreams for Kids in 1989.

Beginning on December 24th 1989, with a visit to a small homeless shelter in Chicago, Dreams for Kids is now a global youth organization which has impacted the lives of over 150,000 children and adults.

Dreams for Kids empowers at-risk youth and those with disabilities and inspires them to realize their full potential and to serve as active members of their communities and citizens of the world.

Dreams for Kids unique and varied programs have appeared on local, network and cable television and have been featured in magazines and newspapers around the world. Northwestern's Kellogg School and KIN Global honored Dreams for Kids as the Innovative Nonprofit of 2010.

Tom has been recognized by several organizations for his work on behalf of children and sits on several non profit boards. He speaks extensively to business organizations, labor unions, student groups and educators on the topics of social entrepreneurship and social enterprise, volunteerism and social activism, estate and legacy planning, nonprofit management, and youth empowerment.

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