



2026 ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9-10

Join us the annual meeting, featuring Elizabeth Smart as our keynote speaker



Elizabeth Smart, one of the most recognized survivors of child abduction in modern American history, will headline this year's Wyoming Hospital Association and Wyoming Long Term Care Association Annual Meeting, scheduled for September 9–10.

Smart's case captured national attention more than two decades ago. At age 14, just weeks before her middle school graduation, she was taken at knifepoint from her family's home in the middle of the night. She would remain in captivity for nine months before being rescued and reunited with her family — an ordeal that thrust her, still a teenager, into the national spotlight.

In the years since, Smart has built a career around turning that experience into a message of resilience. As a speaker, author, and advocate, she now travels the country sharing her story with audiences ranging from corporate leadership teams to healthcare and human-services organizations.

Her keynote address for the Annual Meeting will center on themes of overcoming extreme adversity, the long and often nonlinear process of recovery, and the idea that a person's past does not have to determine their future. Central to her message is the conviction that hope — even in the darkest circumstances — is not optional but essential.

For an audience of hospital administrators, clinicians, and long-term care professionals who regularly witness patients and families

navigating trauma, crisis, and recovery, organizers say Smart's perspective offers a uniquely personal complement to the clinical and operational sessions that make up the rest of the conference agenda.

The keynote is expected to be one of the most anticipated sessions of this year's meeting, drawing attendees from hospitals and long-term care facilities across Wyoming.

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