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Hector Del Valle

MSW | Founder, HDV Speaks

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ABOUT HECTOR

Hector Del Valle became a quadriplegic at 17 after a drunk driving accident — his own. What followed was **four decades of navigating addiction, heartbreak, and cancer three times.**

By God's grace, he earned a Master of Social Work, became a published author, national advocate, and founder of:

HDV Speaks — a movement to support individuals navigating life after disability.

He doesn't speak about this life from a distance. He speaks from inside it.

BY THE NUMBERS

43

Years with spinal cord injury

6+

Books Authored & Co-authored

2x

Cancer Survivor

MSW

Master of Social Work

FEATURED IN

- SPINALpedia: SCI Superstar Feature
- UnitedSpinal Assoc.: Roll on Capitol Hill
- KeyLifeNetwork: National Interview
- WheelchairMafia: Featured Interview
- Center for Independent Living: SCI Month

BOOK HECTOR

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SPEAKING TOPICS

Overcoming Adversity

Turning the hardest chapters into the most powerful testimony.

Disability Advocacy

Dismantling myths, building inclusive practices, advocating for policy change.

Identity After Disability

Who you are is not what happened to you — rebuilding worth and direction.

Faith & Transformation

When faith isn't a backdrop but a backbone — real suffering, real grace.

Thriving Through Transition

Practical frameworks for moving from survival into purpose after disability.

Housing & Independence

Accessible, affordable, community-integrated living as a justice issue.

ENGAGEMENT FORMATS

Keynote	Strategic session with exec teams, deans, program directors	From \$1,000
Workshop	Interactive training for clinical teams, student cohorts, staff	Inquire
Leadership CONV	Strategic session with exec teams, deans, program directors	Inquire
Virtual	All formats available for remote audiences nationwide	Inquire

THE MOVEMENT — FOUR PILLARS

IDENTITY

EDUCATION

HOUSING

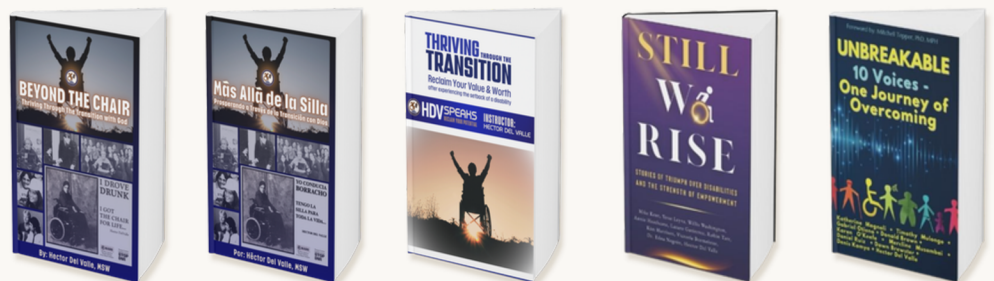
LEADERSHIP

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"In the realm of spinal cord injury survivors, Hector Del Valle may be the most eloquent. Having lived with a spinal cord injury for over 40 years, he's become a prolific writer and speaker after having witnessed immense change in the disability and SCI world."

— SPINALpedia

PUBLISHED WORKS



*For the complete list of Hector's work, visit HDVSpeaks.org

Ready to bring this work to your community?
Contact Hector to book a tour date.

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