

# Carrie Morgridge

Philanthropist | Author | Speaker

— *Changing the World with Passion and Giving* —

Carrie Morgridge is Vice President of the Morgridge Family Foundation and author of *Every Gift Matters: How Your Passion Can Change the World*. For the past fifteen years, she and her husband, John, have worked tirelessly to leverage their foundation's funds, spark innovation, and fuel transformation.

Carrie is recognized nationally for her work as a philanthropist, student advocate and the creator of innovative professional development for teachers. She is a recipient of the distinguished Frances Wisebart Jacobs Woman of the Year award from Mile High United Way, and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the University of Denver, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Colorado Mountain College Board of Overseers, and New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning. She has been publicly recognized for her work at National Jewish Health and Denver Academy. She also serves in an advisory capacity and speaks nationally to education advocacy and technology-focused forums.

Carrie graduated summa cum laude from International Academy of Design and Technology, giving her an edge on design innovation, she is an aggressive athlete, finishing nine Ironman competitions. She lives in Colorado and Florida with her husband John.

Carrie Morgridge has been featured in -



“Carrie Morgridge is a force of nature. From education to the environment, she has driven positive change well beyond the capabilities of a normal human being. Her energy is infectious. What’s really amazing is that she’s just getting started. . . .”

—Salman Khan,  
Founder and Executive Director,  
Khan Academy

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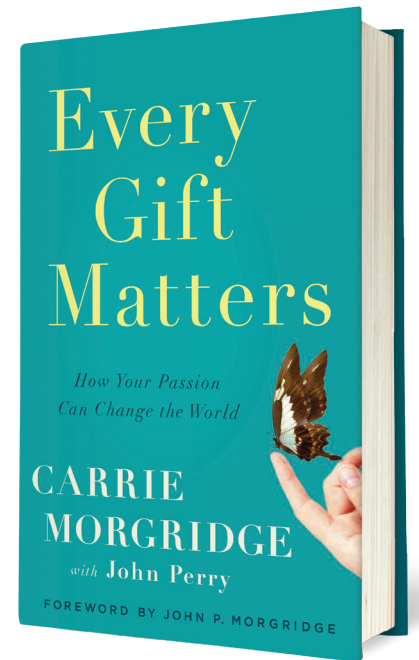
— *Changing the World with Passion and Giving* —

## EVERY GIFT MATTERS: How Your Passion Can Change the World

We read the headlines where foundations make multi-million dollar donations to fix communities around the world. The reality is, for every dollar American foundations give each year, individual donors give five. The power to fix problems in our communities lies in the volunteer hours and checkbooks of everyday individuals.

In her book **EVERY GIFT MATTERS: How Your Passion Can Change the World** (Greenleaf Book Group Press; May 5, 2015), philanthropist Carrie Morgridge proves that high-impact philanthropy is not always high-dollar, and she teaches people how to make a difference in the world with small, targeted gifts of time or money. Drawing on her own experience of what works and what doesn't when it comes to philanthropy, Morgridge illuminates how leverage, high expectations, hands-on personal involvement, and, above all else, passion, will ensure that one's gift will have the biggest impact possible and also bring the giver a profound sense of joy and fulfillment.

In **EVERY GIFT MATTERS**, Morgridge shares how giving has shaped her heart and uses her experience to inspire and teach others how to make a difference. While Morgridge has made large gifts through her foundation, she has found that it's the smaller gifts, some as little as \$7, that make the most immediate and visible impact on people's lives and bring the greatest joy. In **EVERY GIFT MATTERS**, Morgridge takes the lessons she has learned making high-impact small gifts and identifies the key principles of effective giving that anyone can use, whether you donate your treasure or talent, whether you have a lot or a little to give.



*“Carrie Morgridge has written a very important book. So many people have told me they really want to help, but they give nothing because they feel a small gift cannot make a difference. But it can, as you will learn from the inspiring examples in Every Gift Matters.”*

—Jane Goodall,  
Ph.D., DBE, UN Messenger of Peace,  
Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute

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## SPEAKING TOPICS

- **Philanthropy that Works:** Adventures of a Philanthropist-at-Large
- **Adventures in Philanthropy:** Real Stories of How Passion Changes the World
- **Why Your Gift Matters:** 10 Ways to Maximize Time & Money When You Give
- **How Philanthropy Really Works:** Advice for Organizations to Over-Deliver After Getting the Grant

## SPEAKING CLIENTS

University of Central Florida

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Plymouth State University

Bridgewater College

Consortium of School Networks

City Year Denver

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Toquerville Society United Way

Routt County United Way

Community Foundation of South Lake

Center for Teaching and Learning



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*—Marc Holtzman,  
former President of University  
of Denver, former Chairman of  
Meridian Capital HK, Chairman of  
Kazkommertsbank*

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## TESTIMONIALS

“Carrie Morgridge talks the talk... and she walks the walk! She is a philanthropist and she is a change maker and she digs in deep to understand the issues. When she speaks, she speaks not just as a funder but as someone who truly understands the stakeholders and has taken time personally to immerse herself in the topic at hand. And when she speaks...she speaks with passion.”

—*Jamie Van Leeuwen*, CEO, Global Livingston Institution

“Carrie Morgridge energizes, invites, educates and celebrates an audience. I have seen her hold thousands at the edges of their seats at 8am on a Saturday morning! Presence, substance and vision all describe Carrie’s ability to move an audience.”

—*Rebecca Chopp*, Chancellor, University of Denver

“Powerful. Inspirational. Provocative. Engaging. A complete Wow! Carrie Morgridge is one of the most dynamic speakers I have been privileged to hear. She challenges her audience to think differently and leaves them ready to go to change their communities and the world.”

—*Christine Benero*, President and CEO, Mile High United Way

“The passion of the message is made all the more powerful by the messenger herself! Carrie Morgridge is an amazing force of nature who is reshaping the world by improving the lives of countless thousands by her passionate, kind hearted love. Carrie’s generosity, organizational excellence and infectious enthusiasm know no bounds. When you hear Carrie talk about her passionate work, you will not only be inspired by acts of selfless compassion and joy but Carrie shows how even the most modest acts of philanthropy can have a most meaningful impact upon the lives of others”

—*Marc Holtzman*, former President of University of Denver, former Chairman of Meridian Capital HK, Chairman of Kazkommertsbank



“At the opening of our new Morgridge Family Exploration Center, my fiancé said that Carrie was far and away the most inspirational speaker of the lot, including me...and she was!”

—*George Sparks*,  
CEO, Denver Museum of Nature  
and Science

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