

Author Randy Gage says forgiveness is tool of empowerment

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Bestselling author Randy Gage will speak Wednesday night in Calgary while on a tour promoting his new book, Risky Is the New Safe, and raising money for a documentary called Project: Forgiveness.

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CALGARY — Acclaimed author Randy Gage believes forgiveness is the path to prosperity, and he's bringing his message to the city tonight.

Gage brings the book tour for his new bestseller, Risky Is the New Safe, to Calgary, as a special event to raise money and awareness for Project: Forgive. He will be giving a presentation on the lessons in the book, revealing his best success strategies for the future, and sharing his own story of forgiveness and what it has meant to him.

"I teach prosperity. I've been doing that for 20 years and you cannot prosper if you are holding vengeance in your heart. It's not even about the other person, it's about yourself. As soon as I heard about the documentary I thought this is exactly what the world needs," he said.

Gage has a personal reason for believing in the power of forgiveness, having been shot and left for

dead 12 years ago in Miami.

“It was a crackhead who was all hopped up who was robbing me. I gave him the money but he thought it better if I was dead so I couldn’t call the cops. So he shot me and left me for dead in the street,” added Gage. He said he knew he must forgive to move on with life.

“Forgiving people is so empowering. You can be a victim or a victor but you can’t be both.”

Six-time Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Shawne Duperon is the woman behind Project: Forgive, a compelling documentary featuring stories and personal messages from people who have made the hard decision to forgive others. Duperon was inspired to make the documentary after a drunk driver killed a Detroit-area mom and her two young sons. Duperon was a family friend.

As she comforted the dead woman’s husband, Gary Weinstein, she discovered that the drunk driver involved, Tom Wellinger, was also one of her friends.

And when the grieving husband decided to forgive the man who had destroyed his family, Duperon captured that heart-rending moment in a five-minute video that has since been viewed around the world (www.projectforgive.com).

“There is so much pain out there. We need to forgive for ourselves as much as for the other person who may have caused us pain.

“I believe we are ready for that universal conversation about forgiveness,” she said.

A series of events is being held across North America to raise the \$900,000 needed to fund the documentary.

Gage will be speaking tonight at the Carriage House Inn, 9030 Macleod Trail South.

The event runs from 7 to 10 p.m. and all proceeds go to Project: Forgive.

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