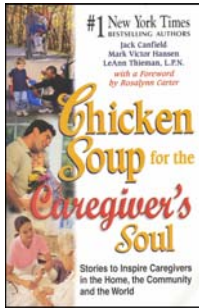




LeAnn Thieman, CSP, CPAE

Speaker Hall of Fame , Author, Nurse



There are four kinds of people in the world; those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers.

Rosalynn Carter

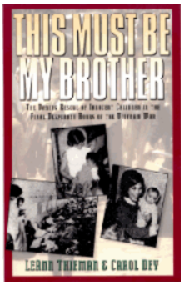


Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul

While rewarding, caregiving requires tremendous emotional, physical and spiritual stamina, making burnout an everyday challenge. LeAnn offers remedies by encouraging caregivers to care for themselves as devotedly as they do others. By sharing stories from *Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul* and her own life experiences she gives caregivers tools to care for themselves as they care for others. She fills them with hope, courage, and strength and honors them for the difference they make in the world.

100 little babies lay three and four to a cardboard box, strapped in the belly of a gutted cargo jet.

Saigon was falling to the Communists - and LeAnn was caught up in the Vietnam Orphan Airlift. An ordinary person, she struggled through extraordinary circumstances, and found the courage to succeed.



LeAnn's book, *This Must Be My Brother*, recounts her 1975 adventure during the Vietnam Orphan Airlift. *Publishers Weekly* says "This is an astonishing story ...that should not have had to wait 20 years for the telling."



Newsweek Magazine featured LeAnn and her story in its Voices of the Century issue.



In April 1975, LeAnn was greeted in Vietnam with, "President Ford has okayed **Operation Babylift** - you aren't taking out 6 babies, but 300!" In June 2000, LeAnn was greeted by **President Ford** himself when he asked to meet her on the 25th anniversary year of the airlift. Before he introduced her at the conference, LeAnn shared with him her book and photos of the lives he changed with his courageous, humanitarian decision.



LeAnn met former First Lady **Rosalynn Carter**, who wrote a personal and touching Foreword to *Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul*. A portion of this book's proceeds is donated to the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving.

Clients Say:

I had to write you because you have made such a difference in my life. I see myself and caregiving in a “new light.” I’m an entirely different person. I notice things about myself and my patients that I’ve never seen before.

S.G., Nursing Expo NY

This was just what I needed! You not only gave me the tools to take care of myself, but the inspiration to do so.

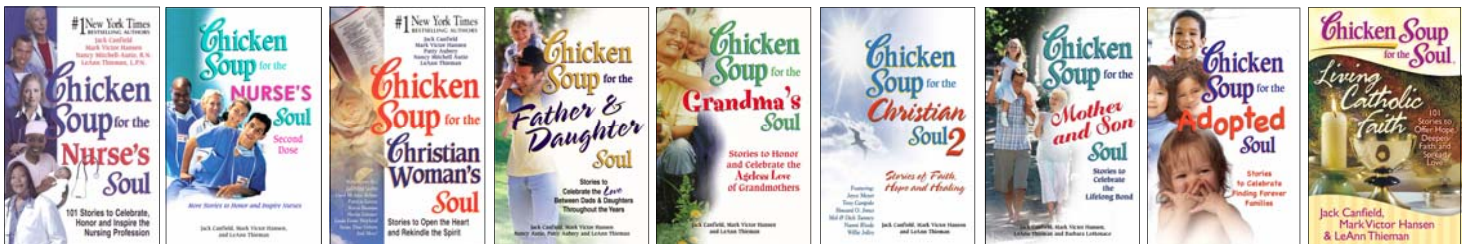
M.T., Heart of Texas Caregiver Conference

LeAnn drew the biggest crowd we’ve ever had. Her messages reinforced the self-care that is required for those of us who deal with the drama and emotions of life and death. J.L., Ruth Lilly Hospice - Clarian Health Partners

Clients include:

- Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving
- Alzheimer’s Community Care, FL
- California Association of Health Facilities
- National Hospice & Palliative Care Org. (NHPCO)
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Kansas Health Care Association
- Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care
- Visiting Nurse Associations of America
- Minnesota Health & Housing Alliance
- Kentucky Division of Aging Services
- Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Wisconsin
- National Association of Neonatal Nurses
- Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
- Heart of Texas AAA
- National Respite & Caregiver Conference (2006)
- University of Indianapolis Center for Aging
- Hospice of Cincinnati
- and many more

LeAnn is co-author of 9 more *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books.



More Tailored Topics:

Balancing Life in Your ‘War Zones’: Lessons from 100 Babbling, Bawling Babies! By recounting her dramatic experiences from the Vietnam Orphan Airlift, LeAnn shares life-changing lessons for coping in our “war zones” today. This poignant, yet humorous, presentation inspires audiences to balance their physical, mental, and spiritual lives; truly live their priorities; and make a difference in the world.

Chicken Soup for the Nurse’s Soul By sharing Chicken Soup stories and those from her own 30-plus years of nursing, LeAnn encourages, uplifts and honors nurses and champions their daily contributions and sacrifices. With compassion and humor, LeAnn brings healing and hope to her colleagues, encouraging them to balance their lives. So they can keep on caring, LeAnn offers nurses their own “care plan” of positive solutions to improve their personal and professional wellness.

Light A Single Candle A sign above a pediatric burn unit in Vietnam read, *It is better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness.* LeAnn reminds audiences they don’t have to fly into a war zone to make a difference in the world. Everyone has gifts to share; no effort is too small.



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