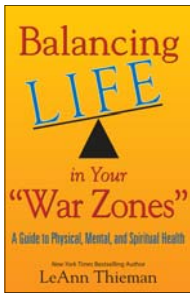




LeAnn Thieman, CSP, CPAE

Speaker Hall of Fame, Author, Nurse



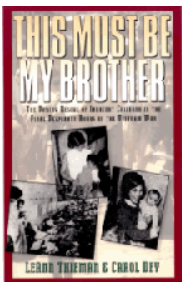
100 little babies lay three and four to a cardboard box, strapped in the belly of a gutted cargo jet. Saigon was falling to the communists - - and LeAnn was caught up in the Vietnam Orphan Airlift. An ordinary person, she struggled through extraordinary circumstances, and found the courage to succeed. Today LeAnn shares life-balance lessons with healthcare workers, reminding them why they entered this profession...and why they stay.

Chicken Soup for the Healthcare Giver's Soul: Balancing Life in Your 'War Zones'

LeAnn not only survived, but loved her 30 years as a nurse! She understands how many of the challenges in the "war zone" of the Orphan Airlift, apply to the "war zones" in healthcare today:

- Having too much to do and not enough resources and to get it all done
- Finding the right people to give competent, compassionate, efficient care
- Caring for others while neglecting to care for ourselves
- Creating balance between work and family life

LeAnn motivates audiences to balance their lives and truly live their priorities while making a difference in the world. She inspires hope, courage, and joy to not only survive "war zones", but to find peace there.



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 Forward to *Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul*. A portion of this book's proceeds was donated to the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving.

Clients Say:

I'm going to live my life differently after hearing you today. California Association of Health Facilities

I've been coming to these conferences for 20 years, and I've never been so moved or so impressed by any presentation! You gave me tools to deal with the stress and negativity. National Association of Neonatal Nurses

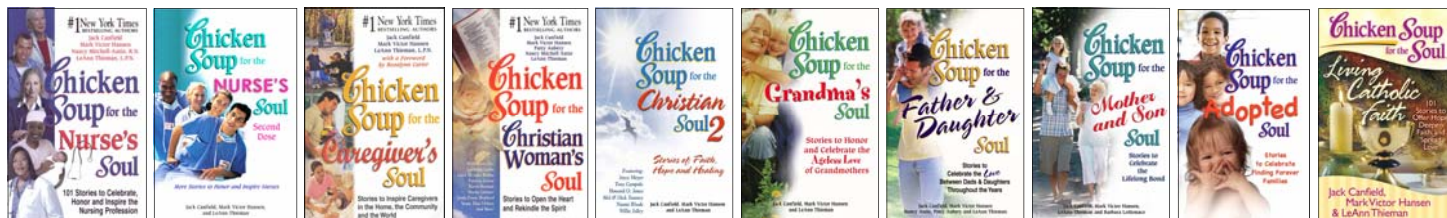
What a renewal of one's self. A reminder there is hope, support and laughter in this profession. Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders

LeAnn filled the nurses with confidence and inspiration and sent them on their way with renewed enthusiasm, joy, and determination. National Nursing Conference - Manitoba, Canada

Clients include:

- Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving
- Alzheimer's Community Care, FL
- California Association of Health Facilities
- Manitoba Nurses Union, Canada
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Kansas Health Care Association
- Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care
- Visiting Nurse Associations of America
- Minnesota Health & Housing Alliance
- Hospice of Cincinnati
- American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- National Association of Neonatal Nurses
- Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
- Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN)
- National Hospice & Palliative Care (NHPCO)
- University of Indianapolis Center for Aging
- Georgia Family & Children Services
- and many more

LeAnn is co-author of **10** *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books!



More Keynotes, Seminars, and Facilitation:

Chicken Soup for the Nurse's Soul By sharing *Chicken Soup* stories, and those from her own 30- plus years of nursing, LeAnn increases **recruitment** and **retention** as she encourages, uplifts and honors nurses. She shares sage advice with compassion and humor, to feed their souls, lift their spirits, and give tools to "CARE 4 ME"!

Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul LeAnn offers remedies by encouraging caregivers to care for themselves as devotedly as they do for others. She fills caregivers with hope, courage, and strength.

Retention Facilitation What would make your staff stay for ten years? What would make you an employer of choice? What would improve your patient care? In two hours with a cross section of your nursing staff, LeAnn will facilitate a discussion to find these answers...and solutions. Participants will not only identify their needs, but potential obstacles, then suggestions for implementation. Unlike written surveys, this session refuels their commitment and ownership of the outcome... and make they stay.



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