

"The Power of Personal Connections & Kindness."

Tuesday, June 11th, 2019. 6:30PM – Wine Reception

7:00PM - Lecture

Host: Barbara Handa

Free for Members; \$15.00 for Guests

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Join us for a spectacular presentation by Laura Schroff, the author of the #1 New York Times and international bestseller, An Invisible Thread, as she introduces her new book, Angels on Earth, and Dr. Dale Atkins, the bestselling author of The Kindness Advantage: Cultivating Compassionate and Connected Children. Both women have "lived a life of kindness" as they each present their individual heartfelt stories on this fascinating subject.

In her first book, *An Invisible Thread,* Laura Schroff told the remarkable story of her unlikely friendship with Maurice Mazyck, an 11-year old homeless panhandler she met on a Manhattan street corner in 1986 and developed a decades long unlikely friendship she called "an invisible thread."

When An Invisible Thread became an international bestseller, hundreds of thousands of readers fell in love with the story of Laura and Maurice, and have since sent Laura their own inspirational stories. Now, Laura has collected some of those compelling, inspirational and poignant stories in Angels on Earth which takes its name from Laura's belief that "if we honor and activate the invisible thread connections in our lives, we can become Angels on Earth for each other."

Angels on Earth draws out principles that will inspire every reader to search for ways to have a powerful positive impact on those around them. Laura weaves the stories together with her own reflections on how kindness brings the divine to earth and shares how hearing these stories have changed her.

Laura Schroff is an international and #1 bestselling author and keynote speaker and is a passionate and compelling voice on the "power of small acts of kindness." In her thirty year career in advertising sales, Laura has worked with several major media companies including Time Inc. and Conde Nast. Laura was part of the team that launched *USA Today*, *In Style*, and *Teen PEOPLE*. Laura was the NY Ad Manager at *MS. Magazine* and the Associate Publisher of *Brides Magazine*.

Dr. Dale Atkins, in her bestseller, *The Kindness Advantage: Cultivating Compassionate and Connected Children* presents parents with a practical guide on how to equip children with the skills they need to cultivate kindness in their lives and have a positive influence on the world. After all, kindness leads to compassion and happiness, future success, better relationships, improved self-esteem and good mental and physical health. *The Kindness Advantage* shows parents how to help their children form compassionate habits that will last a lifetime.

Dr. Dale Atkins, PhD., a licensed psychologist with more than forty years of experience as a relationship expert focusing on families, wellness, managing stress and living a balanced, meaningful life. The author of six books, and many articles and journals for popular and professional audiences, Dr. Atkins is a featured speaker who leads seminars worldwide about raising "kind responsible" children. Dale is a frequent guest expert in the media and appears regularly on NBC's TODAY and CNN. Dr. Dale Atkins holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from UCLA's School of Education & Information Studies.