

FUN SPEECH JOURNEY

Meet Will from 'Tha Village'



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INSPIRATION

My biggest inspiration is my 7-year-old nonverbal son. When he was diagnosed with autism, I quickly realized there weren't many spaces where fathers could be vulnerable, ask questions, or find support without judgment. Instead of accepting that reality, I decided to build the community I wish existed. Today, Tha Village Network connects families with resources, hosts support events, creates educational content, and reminds parents that they're never alone on this journey. We're changing the conversation around fatherhood in the autism community.

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THE HEARTBEAT

The heart behind Tha Village Network is love, purpose, and service.

This isn't something I created because I saw a business opportunity. I created it because I live this every single day. Every family we help reminds me of my own journey. Every event, every podcast episode, every conversation is rooted in making sure another parent feels seen, supported, and empowered. We don't just advocate—we walk alongside families.

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EXCITED ABOUT?

I'm excited about growing Tha Village Network nationally. We're expanding our Dad Link Up events into new cities, forming partnerships with organizations that truly support neurodiverse families, growing our podcast, and creating more educational resources for parents.

Our goal is to continue building a movement where fathers feel connected, families have access to support, and children have advocates fighting for them every day.

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NEXT STEPS

One of the things I'm most proud of is creating our Dad Link Up gatherings. They give fathers a safe place to connect, ask questions, share victories, and talk about challenges without fear of being judged.

So many dads carry the weight silently. Creating intentional spaces where they can build friendships and support one another has been incredibly powerful. Strong fathers build stronger families, and every community needs a village.

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SUPPORT

We support families in several ways. Through our podcast, we bring experts, advocates, and parents together to share practical information. Through community events, we create opportunities for networking and encouragement. We also connect families with therapists, service providers, educational resources, and organizations that can help them navigate the autism journey. Most importantly, we help families realize they don't have to figure everything out alone.

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POWER MOVE

I'm incredibly proud of watching Tha Village Network continue to grow into a trusted resource for families. Seeing fathers show up at our Dad Link Up events, hearing people say they've found hope through our podcast, and building meaningful partnerships with organizations that believe in our mission has been incredibly rewarding.

The biggest accomplishment isn't a number—it's knowing families are beginning to realize they truly have a village behind them.

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VALUES

Everything we do is guided by compassion, authenticity, integrity, community, and service.

We believe every family deserves to be heard, every father deserves support, and every child deserves to be celebrated for exactly who they are. We lead with empathy because we've lived this journey ourselves.

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HYPED ABOUT?

We're focused on expanding Tha Village Network across the country by launching new chapters and Dad Link Up groups, growing our nonprofit partnerships, increasing our educational programming, and continuing to grow Tha Village Podcast into one of the leading voices supporting fathers and neurodiverse families.

We're also working toward providing even more direct resources and opportunities that make a real difference in families' everyday lives.

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ENCOURAGEMENT

To every parent raising a child with autism or special needs: your journey may look different, but it is not without purpose.

Celebrate every milestone, no matter how small. Give yourself grace on the difficult days. Never be afraid to ask for help, because strength isn't found in doing it alone—it's found in building your village.

Our children aren't defined by their diagnosis. They are filled with limitless potential, and together, we can create communities where every family is supported, understood, and empowered.

Because at Tha Village Network, No Family Walks Alone

