



Reneé Wall Rongen - Biography

When organizations are looking to align their passion and purpose to increase productivity and profitability; they understand the value of the people on their team, and are ready to punch up what they are doing to reach WOW status ... they hire Reneé Rongen.

Reneé is an award winning humorous and inspirational speaker, author and business consultant. Soulful and sassy, she is one of the most in-demand and top rated speakers in the U.S. and Canada. You will learn that her energy is contagious, her stories are priceless and her passion for living life full throttle can sometimes get her in trouble.

Recognized by her peers and clients worldwide as a brilliant comedian and master story teller, she recently finished the "Laughter is the Best Medicine" tour with Dana Carvey, Lilly Tomlin, Paula Poundstone and Paul Reiser. Media has dubbed her "The Mother of Motivation and a combination of Lily Tomlin, Oprah and Mother Teresa." Her messages transcend age, culture and profession. Combining her hysterical stage presence, with her award winning business background, topped with her complete authenticity, she delivers an experience like no other to organizations who want to inspire and grow their culture to be the best in the industry.

From a Marketing Strategist for large corporations to Motherhood, Board Trustee to Celebrity Host of the Polk County fair in Fertile, MN (population 834); Reneé engages all audiences with her *Legacy Living Philosophy* – encouraging all to take the leap and step into their unique purpose. This philosophy has been featured in numerous national publications including *Entrepreneur*, *Fortune*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Female Entrepreneur*, *Smart Money*, *Minnesota Women's Business* and *Parenting Magazines*.

In addition to her speaking and consulting, Reneé is an award winning author. Her latest award winning work titled *I'm a Girl ... That's Why!* focuses on the underserved demographic of girls ages 12-18 years old, and was the second book released within the *Fundamentally Female* series, the original which was featured in the Oscar and Golden Globe Swag Bags for all female nominees, and continues to climb the charts to bestseller status.

A champion for wearing pajamas as much as she can get away with, Renee is the founder of the Ultimate Pajama Party, an ongoing campaign responsible for inspiring the donation of nearly 1 million pairs of pajamas to domestic violence shelters across the country, impacting the lives of women and children every day.

Reneé holds a Bachelor Degree in Business and a Minor in Recreational Socializing from the College of St. Benedict. She studied in Salzburg, Austria and has completed graduate course work at the University of Mary. She is the International Spokesperson for the Pay It Forward Foundation, a member of the National Speakers Association and Minnesota Speaker Association. She has served as Trustee on numerous corporate, healthcare, economic development, education and foundation boards, a Founder and Past President of the NW Minnesota Women's Fund, and is a hospice volunteer. Additionally, she is the recipient of the *Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award* by the Women's Business Center and currently serves as the Chief Energy Officer for her clients across the globe.

In the moments between pajama parties and celebrity appearances, Renee can be found doing laundry...or I guess you could call it enjoying quality family time with: husband Tom Terrific, Alexander, Elizabeth and Grace. She loves the outdoors, taking risks, and a good cup of coffee with cream. When she is not chasing basketballs or feeding her four legged friends, she keeps busy kayaking, horseback riding or catching up with her many friends.

Reneé knows that she has been richly blessed with abundant gifts. Her goal at the end of her life is to say; "I come to You empty. I have nothing left. I used all of the gifts You gave me."

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