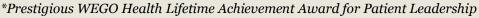
## **Cathy Chester**

## Certified Health Advocate. Speaker. Patient Leader. Consultant

Can you imagine being diagnosed with a life-altering disease and feeling alone? Not knowing which resources you can trust? That was Cathy Chester's experience when she was diagnosed with MS three decades ago. Ever since, her life's mission has been to educate and empower others about what MS is, and isn't. When Cathy was diagnosed with MS in 1986, there were many questions and few answers. There was no internet. No medications. Today, there is an abundance of information and Cathy's expertise has helped thousands of fellow MS patients.

Some of the biggest names in media and healthcare use Cathy as their go-to patient advocate for MS, including: Katie Couric's Wake-Up Call, The Huffington Post, Harvard Radio, Woman's Day, Reader's Digest, MultipleSclerosis.net, National MS Society, and Everyday Health.



- \*Everyday Health Top 10 MS Blogs to Follow
- \*Everyday Health award for Inspiring MS Instagram Account to Follow



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## **SPEAKING TOPICS:**

Why Your "Dis" Ability Doesn't Define You

How to Take Charge of Your Health by Asking the Right Questions and Getting the Answers You Need

You Deserve the Best Resources. Here's How to Find Them

Why Your Story Matters and How You Can Share It

How to Reduce Stress and Anxiety by Focusing on What You Love to Do

How You Can Create a Medical Team to Fit Your Needs

Why You Should Nurture Your Relationships Starting
Now

## PRAISE FOR CATHY:

Cathy is one of the smartest women I know. It takes serious heart and wisdom to create a life of advocacy for others, simply because you know what it's like to walk in their shoes. She has a warmth and credibility that create a sense of healing and safety. In a world that seems to be screaming with advice and the "right" way to get through things, Cathy is a welcome reprieve of knowledge and heart. Every audience member who hears Cathy, and every reader who soaks up her words, will experience an increase in knowledge and courage as they turn to face the experiences of life headed their way. – Sarah Walton, Personal & Professional Development Expert, Speaker, Author

Cathy is a stalwart leader in the multiple sclerosis community and an advocate long before it was a thing, Cathy's strong presence, breadth, and depth of MS knowledge and experience coupled with her overall, kind, sweet and funny nature always fill me with admiration and joy whenever I see her name. — Damian Washington, Patient Leader, Actor, Rapper

Cathy is a source of strength and motivation to people living with MS, their support partners, and their health care team. She connects easily with people, and her positivity and grace in problem-solving and communicating make her a joy to be around! —Megan Weigel, DNP, ARNP-c, Advanced Practice Holistic Nurse, Board Certified Multiple Sclerosis Certified Nurse, First Coast Integrative Medicine (Serving Florida and Hawaii)

Cathy Chester is an inspiration to others with MS. She accepts the difficulties and challenges that accompany MS. She models good self-care, compassion and inclusion towards the MS community, and shares her contemplations, struggles and hope for all to see on her inspirational blog. —Frederick W. Foley, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Yeshiva University, Director of Neuropsychology and Psychosocial Research at Holy Name Medical Center Multiple Sclerosis Center