



# Becky M. Olson

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## **Bio:**

In 1996, at age 43, Becky went back to school while working a full-time job to get her college degree. Three months later she was diagnosed with advanced stage breast cancer and was given a 60% chance to survive past five years. She jokes that she is thankful her doctors were wrong because it took her SEVEN years to graduate. She has been diagnosed three more since then; in 2004 and 2009, and most recently in 2017.

In 2000, Becky co-founded [Breast Friends](#), an Oregon based organization with national reach, dedicated to helping women survive the trauma of cancer. She continued to work full-time and spent her free-time developing Breast Friends into what it is today. They now have one affiliate on the east coast.

In June of 2005, Becky left her job as a sales manager at Dex Media, and was finally able to focus full-time on Breast Friends and her [speaking career](#).

Since then, Becky has been featured in magazines, on radio and television and has been the Keynote Speaker at numerous breast cancer events, leadership conferences, and Christian Women's Groups. She has also written chapters in several books and published her own book, "*The Hat That Saved My Life*." She is the co-host of a weekly radio show on Voice America called [Breast Friends Cancer Support Radio](#). Their show receives 10,000 – 15,000 downloads per month.

Her goal in life is to change lives with her words, whether in person, on a stage, or through writing. She is making a difference.

## **Awards:**

Becky has received numerous awards including: the Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership award, the Komen/BMW North America Local Hero Award, The national Pink Power Mom award from Bright Starts, The Courageous Woman of the Month from Courageous Woman Magazine, and the Bank of America Local Hero Award.

## **Travel:**

Becky travels from Portland, OR and is willing to travel anywhere in the United States or Europe. Translation services would be required for speaking events outside the United States.

*(Digital photos are available on request – Becky is also available for promotional interviews if scheduling allows)*