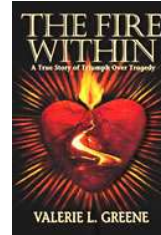


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EVERY 45 SECONDS SOMEONE IN AMERICA HAS A STROKE. STROKE IS THE NATION'S No. 3 KILLER CLAIMING NEARLY 700,000 LIVES EVERY YEAR.

NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON AND “STROKE HERO” VALERIE GREENE CHRONICLES HER REMARKABLE RECOVERY FROM TWO STROKES AT AGE 31 IN HER NEW BOOK “THE FIRE WITHIN”.

Author, Speaker Valerie Greene has been named a “Stroke Hero” by the American Stroke Association, and for good reason. At age 31 Valerie Greene suffered two strokes six months apart. The second one was a massive one that completely paralyzed her left side and robbed her of the ability to speak. Prior to this, Valerie had enjoyed good health, was an avid athlete (swimming ,golfing and jogging), and a successful financial consultant. As bleak as her situation was, Valerie was determined to regain her health no matter what obstacles stood in her way. Valerie began her search for treatment programs both allopathic and alternative. She discovered various forms of stem cell therapies and left the country to undergo treatment. Amazingly, she started to show improvements beyond belief.

Today, eight years later, Valerie Greene has devoted herself to helping others by telling her story. For the American Stroke Association, she has proven to be a beacon of hope to the multitude of Stroke survivors and their families. Valerie has lobbied in Congress for further research and education and travels the country educating audiences about the warning signs of stroke. In January 2004, Valerie walked 13.1 miles in the Disney half marathon and raised over 10,000 dollars for the American Stroke Association.

Valerie Greene’s remarkable recovery experiences are captured in her newly released book “The Fire Within” – A True Story of Triumph over Tragedy. (ISBN# 0-9748833-8-7, Summer 2004,Hard cover , 176 pages) Her busy schedule includes book signings at leading bookstores plus nationwide radio/TV/Print media coverage. Recently her story was mentioned on CNN’s Larry King Live during a discussion of Stem Cell therapies with Theresa Heinz Kerry who met Valerie and was impressed with her book and her response to cell therapy. Valerie Greene is now on a survivor’s mission to let the American public know there is hope in battling Stroke.

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