



## **LEADING LADIES:**

You will often hear Amanda Grobbelaar say "Do the best you can today with what you have and know today."

Amanda's unwavering positive attitude to her personal battles is inspiring and infectious. You cannot feel happy after speaking with Amanda. Her heart and soul are strong as they are kind.

JSP are so excited to have Amanda speak at our upcoming event Leading Ladies: Beyond the Fairytales on May 27.

In 2008 Amanda and her husband Charl Grobbelaar left their widely successful financial planning business in South Africa and moved across the globe with their two teenage children to pursue business opportunities Down Under.

As well as anyone and better than most, Amanda knows that life is not for the faint of heart. Contrary to what many of us would like to believe, we are not invincible, nor are we immune to disappointment, setbacks, loss, or grief.

Yet few among us are asked to weather the blows that Amanda faced when she was diagnosed in 2011 with the chronic, progressive, incurable disease called multiple sclerosis.

Three years later, in 2014, Amanda was diagnosed with a meningioma, a type of brain tumour that was perhaps a result of the disease modifying drugs she was prescribed to slow down disease progression.

In her award-winning memoir The Amanda Grobbelaar Story – Anchored in the Storm, Amanda documents how her life went downhill medically, culminating in what is referred to as "MS dementia" in multiple sclerosis circles. She also reveals how, instead of giving up and letting the fear of languishing in a wheelchair paralyse her, she took up running. Despite her circumstances, Amanda wanted to live her best life possible now and astonishingly completed two half marathons. She also returned to school and received a diploma in advanced financial planning as well as a diploma in ministry leadership.

But then, Amanda explains, she suffered a major MS relapse, putting her brain "in a wheelchair." Towards the end of 2015 a formal neurological assessment revealed that in all major areas that were tested, Amanda was cognitively impaired to varying degrees. Defying her diagnosis, with her husband by her side, she travelled to Israel, where she received an experimental stem cell treatment that miraculously worked.

The Just Saying Project is thrilled to have Amanda share her story and advice and inspiration for being the Leading Lady of your life at our signature women's event on May 27 at The Shamrock Hotel Pavilion Room from 2pm.

For tickets: For tickets:

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