

The Salvation Army
D.J.'s Hero Awards
Luncheon

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Nando Parrado



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Nando Parrado

Author of "Miracle in the Andes: 72 Days on the Mountain and My Long Trek Home"

It is fitting that a hero is the featured speaker for the D.J.'s Hero Awards Luncheon.

Nando Parrado will recount the extraordinary tale of how he and 15 teammates survived for 72 brutal days after their plane crashed in the frozen Andes Mountains. After 30 years, it is

still one of the greatest and most dramatic survival stories of all times.

Nando emerged a hero after he and a teammate walked for 10 days to find help. Theirs is a story of courage, teamwork, determination and leadership.

From the time the plane crashed in 1972 until their rescue, Nando and his fellow Uruguayan rugby teammates crossed both physical and mental boundaries.

Soon after the rescue, he worked with author Piers Raul Read on the best-selling book "Alive." The book was made into a movie 20 years later starring Ethan Hawke as Nando, who served as technical advisor for the film.

The film brought Parrado many requests to speak. The speech for The Salvation Army in Omaha is one of the few the sought-after speaker has accepted, due to the many demands on his time.

He is CEO of four companies in his native Uruguay and hosts popular television programs on nature, public affairs, autos and travel. His spare-time hobbies include motorcycles, sports cars, stock cars and watercraft. Parrado speaks five languages and travels extensively.

His awards include the European Team Cup for stock car racing and the Open Watercraft Championship in Punta Del Este, Uruguay. In 1991, he was part of a team of drivers that raced across the Sahara for 28 days in stock model Peugeots.

He graduated from Stella Maris College in Uruguay, which is run by the Irish Christian Brothers. The South American also participated in a study abroad in the United States that allowed him to attend high school in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

A book signing will follow the luncheon. "Miracle in the Andes" will be available at a special price of \$20.