



# DR. ROBERTA MANN

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON BEHALF OF THE TED & DR. ROBERTA MANN FOUNDATION



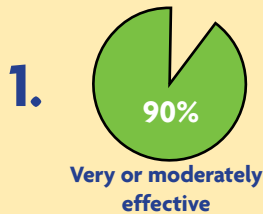
Her visionary leadership is changing the lives of children and adults with mental health and learning disabilities.

“The world might be a little brighter,” Dr. Mann says, “because I choose to use my resources and leadership to inspire, motivate, and teach that we all have the potential to impact another person, the future of our world... we all matter.”

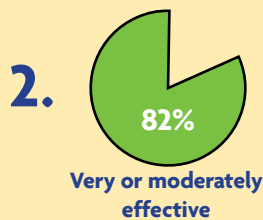
Through the fourth annual National Ted & Dr. Roberta Mann Foundation Symposium About Children and Young Adults with Mental Health and Learning Disabilities, Aug. 12, 2009, Dr. Mann carries forward the incredible momentum begun with the last three years’ sold-out events and their nationally acclaimed speakers.

## Outcomes

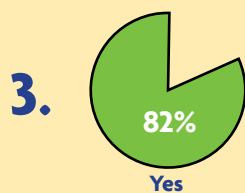
The third annual Mann Foundation Symposium demonstrated how change can occur when passion meets vision. The charts below illustrate the outcomes\* from that August 2008 Symposium.



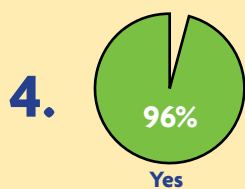
How effective was the Symposium in increasing your knowledge about how to identify behaviors related to specific disabilities such as anxiety, depression, and ADHD?



If you are a teacher, how effective was the Symposium in changing the way you respond to children with learning disabilities or mental health issues in your class?



Since the Symposium, have you implemented strategies to assist classmates and peers to better understand children with mental health disorders and learning disabilities?



Did you share the information you learned at the Symposium with other parents, teachers, and professionals?

*\* Data are from an independent telephone survey of symposium participants nine months after the August 2008 event. Special thanks to Professor Susan Hasazi, University of Vermont, who is the consultant for the evaluations for the symposiums.*

## Beyond the data, teachers' and parents' enthusiastic comments tell the story of hope in deeply human terms:

"This has been wonderfully inspirational. It has stirred up my passion to help others and to help bring more justice to our world. It has reminded me how big a difference each one of us can make every day."

"Brilliant! Overall, thank you so much for the gift of this symposium and the chance to be in the presence of such greatness."

"Motivating, encouraging, and enlightening. In all the symposiums, meetings and seminars I've been to in 14 years, this was the most useful to working every day as a special education paraprofessional. Thank you!"

"Thank you once again for exceeding my expectations. I truly appreciate the generous support of the Ted and Roberta Mann Foundation in making this wonderful and free conference. Thank you for the professional development and inspiring speakers."

"Thank you so much for this opportunity. I am a parent of four children, some with disabilities and work in special education. I learned a lot and was reminded of the art of parenting and effective teaching methods."

"Amazing and extremely inspiring. Great way to end the summer and get motivated before school starts."



## Extending her reach and impact to thousands

Dr. Roberta Mann, a certified life coach, received her master's degree in psychotherapy at the Adler Graduate School and her doctorate degree at St. Mary's University in the field of education.

Dr. Mann and her innovative work are featured in a special eight-page insert in the August 2009 issue of MPLS.ST.PAUL magazine.

The Ted & Dr. Roberta Mann Foundation Symposium About Children and Young Adults with Mental Health and Learning Disabilities is cosponsored by PACER Center, a Twin Cities-based national information center for families of children and youth with all disabilities—including mental health and learning disabilities.

PACER's phone number is 952-838-9000 and its principal Web site is [PACER.org](http://PACER.org). PACER's National Bullying Prevention Web sites are [PACERKidsAgainstBullying.org](http://PACERKidsAgainstBullying.org) and [PACERTeensAgainstBullying.org](http://PACERTeensAgainstBullying.org).