



Margarate is an award-winning author, motivational speaker, and a national advocate for The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; but most importantly she is a mother of two children, Eric and Jena, both born with cystic fibrosis.



Margarate has been a dedicated volunteer of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation since 1991. She has served as National Leadership Council Member, National Volunteer Leadership, and National Public Advocacy Co-Chair where she helped pioneer volunteer advocacy efforts, leading volunteers to Capitol Hill, and helped the launch of the Cystic Fibrosis Congressional Caucus.

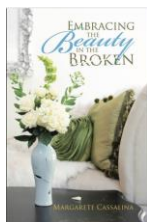
AS AN AUTHOR



As an author, Margarate speaks straight-from-the-heart about life and cystic fibrosis in her critically acclaimed memoir *Beyond Breathing*, written after her daughter Jena 'moved up' to heaven in 2006 at the age of 13.



In her fictional book, *See You at Sunset*, Margarate shares her imagination of love and mystery by creating a world where lives intersect, and fate intervenes, proving that love never truly ends all while still adhering to her passion of bringing awareness to cystic fibrosis.



In her latest award-winning book, *Embracing the Beauty in the Broken*, Margarate inspires positive internal development by giving the reader hope, motivation, and provides practical exercises and resources for anyone wanting a more in-depth exploration of their own personal growth and journey.



TOPICS AND CATEGORIES

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY, GRIEF, INSPIRATION, PERSONAL GROWTH, FAITH, WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

AS A SPEAKER

Margarate gets raw and real with her audience as she relates how raising and eventually losing a child to cystic fibrosis impacted her marriage, her mental state, and her ability to move forward. She passionately articulates with honesty her debilitating fears, personal struggles, and her depression. She shares her personal experiences how she overcame her inability to speak up for herself, to speaking in front of thousands. With each obstacle she faced, Margarate outlines what critical steps she took to overcome life's biggest challenges, and she shares how to not only survive but thrive into a positive, healthy mindset, strong marriage, and enriching life. Margarate opens up to her audience, exploring every emotion, and no topic is off-limits.

TESTIMONIALS

"Your words really did inspire a lot of people here, and I continue to hear how you have touched people with your story. Techs now talk about making sure we continue to make high quality medicine for people like your son – on time, every time. I've seen a new found energy in them. You did everything I hoped to inspire people and more."
-Marla J. Pugh, Head of Communications, Novartis Pharmaceutical.

"You are a true leader. Thank you so much for sharing your story. It will make an impact with all our female sales leaders."
-Jeff Hazard, Division Vice President of Sales, ADP

"I had the pleasure of partnering with Margarate...Working with her could not have been more seamless, professional, and rewarding...The content that she created exceeded everyone's expectations - it was beautiful, powerful, emotional, and honest."
-Anna Khersonsky, Chandler Chicco Agency

