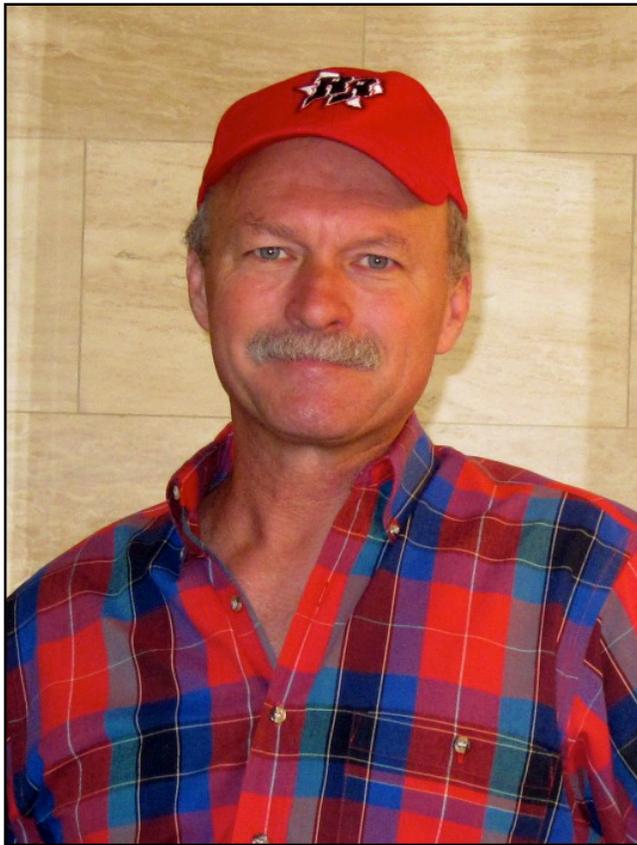


American Success Stories—as featured on KWRD the WORD 100.7 FM—is a consumer advocate of “character-based” relationships with clients—a key to success in American business.



Men and women from all walks of life share why character-based relationships with their clients are so important—and how these qualities contribute to the America we love.

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Kirk Howeth

Kirk Howeth, owner of Living Spaces, is featured in this special online/print edition of *American Success Stories*, originating from the 100,000-watt studios of KWRD the WORD 100.7 FM.

As a contributor to this human-interest news feature emphasizing *character-based qualities of success*, Mr. Howeth is cited for his belief that client relationships are based, for example, on “doing what’s right”—as opposed to “success at any cost.”

“My clients deserve the honesty and sincere care that they hope to find,” said Kirk. “I listen attentively to their desires and strive to anticipate their needs. Telling the truth and being forthright is what prevents disappointment and produces the long-lasting satisfaction that is so important. It always pleases me to get calls 10 years later about doing the next project from a satisfied client. Based on earning peoples’ trust, I will be the contractor they hoped they would find.”

The advocacy of such beliefs—time-honored, “client first” beliefs—has long characterized those whose reputations for trustworthiness and fair dealing precede them.

Kirk Howeth—an American Success Story!

Accentuating Kirk Howeth’s story is further character-related insight from the life of one of America’s most compelling human-interest news stories. Josh Hamilton, a.k.a. “Roy Hobbs” (from the movie *The Natural*), was the MVP of the Texas Rangers and the American League in 2010.

Josh Hamilton—the “comeback kid”

What happens when you are the best amateur baseball player in America? Every professional scout wants you. They are suddenly wooing your parents. They want to “show you the money.” They want you to play baseball for their teams. Money, fame, power, notoriety, acclaim—it’s all there. The world is at your feet. But ...

“I’m living proof that hope is never lost,” Josh Hamilton has said after struggling back from as far down as a major league baseball player can fall.

Drafted #1 out of high school, Josh gave new definition to the term “power hitter”—until he fell into a tragic life ravaged by drugs and alcohol. He had seemingly lost everything—until as he says, “I was so scared that I had to go into my grandmother’s room at night to sleep.”



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Upon his ultimate return to baseball, when he participated in the Home Run Derby at the 2008 All-Star break, he even had the tough crowd of Yankee Stadium deliriously pulling for him as he put on a home run hitting display never seen before or since: 28 home runs in the first round—“parking” an astonishing 13 in a row, the longest being 518 feet!

Back in the “bigs” once again, home plate umpires would make unnecessary trips to dust off the plate, only to say, “I’m pulling for you, kid.” God’s redemptive work exceeded the voices of those who said, “He’ll never make it.” Folks of all ages identify with Josh Hamilton’s *birth* of a vision—the *death* of that vision because of mankind’s vulnerability to failing—and the ultimate *rebirth* of his vision owing to, as he says, “*humbling myself before God.*”

Get your copy of Josh’s book, *Beyond Belief!*



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