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Hillary Savoie, PhD has 15 years of experience rare disease advocacy, drug development, and caregiving for a daughter with profound disabilities and medical fragility. Hillary helps teams see the human assumptions, stories, and relationships shaping their work - so they can communicate more clearly, build deeper trust with patient communities, and make better decisions about the science they are trying to advance.

SIGNATURE KEYNOTES

THE HUMAN SIDE OF SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION

The biggest barriers to innovation aren't always scientific - they're often human.

We cannot forget that the conversations, relationships, trust, and translation also determine whether breakthroughs in science ever reach the people they're intended to help.

THE STORIES THAT CREATE US

Stories don't just describe reality, they create it.

The stories we tell about disease, patients, progress, and possibility shape the decisions we make - from what science we pursue to what outcomes we value and ultimately whose lives that science is designed to change.

LOVE AND THE ART OF LETTING GO

Letting go is not the opposite of love; it can be one of its deepest expressions.

There is a complicated space between fighting for better treatments and accepting the people we love exactly as they are - and what that tension can teach us about developing and delivering medicines that truly serve patients and families.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

> *When passion, intelligence, pragmatism, and energy come together, you get something extraordinary. And that's exactly what Hillary brings to the table. What sets her apart is her rare ability to translate what's really happening--the politics, the priorities, the fine print--into something advocates can actually use. That kind of insight doesn't come from a playbook. It comes from having done the work on both sides.*