



214TH ANNIVERSARY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Len Forkas

Founder, HopeCam.org

Mr. Forkas has 25 years of experience as an entrepreneur in both the real estate and wireless industries. He has raised over \$100 million in equity capital to fund Milestone's growth since its formation in 2001 leading to the development of over 100 towers in six states. Mr. Forkas is active in both CTIA and WIA as leader of a peer of entrepreneurs in the wireless tower industry.

In 1996 Forkas formed Milestone Communities Inc., Washington, DC based real estate development company. Under Mr. Forkas, the company developed residential and commercial real estate projects in the US and Canada totaling over \$200 million. Mr. Forkas held senior management positions at Maryland National Bank, Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company and Oxford Development Corp.

Mr. Forkas has served on the Boards of the YMCA of Metro Washington is the recipient of both the Fairfax VA & Montgomery County MD Public School's Partner of the Year Award. Forkas is a former trustee and Director of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and past chairman of ULI Washington He is the founder of Hopecam, Inc., a Reston, VA based charity that connects homebound children, undergoing treatment for cancer to their friends at school using webcam technology. Since 2002, Hopecam has connected over 1,000 children to 25,000 classmates in 42 states.

Mr Forkas is a published author and leadership speaker. In 2012, he competed in one of the world's toughest endurance events: Race Across America, a 3,000-mile, coast-to-coast solo bicycle race that participants must finish in 12 days. Forkas finished in 11 and raised over \$350,000 for Hopecam. In his book "What Spins the Wheel", Forkas describes the leadership challenges and what he learned as he fought through the scorch of deserts and the joint-wrenching cold of 11,000-foot mountain elevations, propelled by an effective all-volunteer team that supported him around the clock. Forkas has appeared on CNN Anderson Cooper 360, Fox & Friends, and Washington DC affiliates ABC & FOX.

He received his MBA in finance from The American University and BA & BS degrees from the College of Architecture at Ball State University.
