



Journalist & Author Spencer Christian Presents at Problem Gambling Conference

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(Green Bay, Wis.) – For over 46 years Spencer Christian has been a news reporter, sportscaster, talk show host and weather forecaster. Spencer interviewed 6 presidents; the most prominent figures in sports, world affairs, and the arts; and, most memorably, ordinary people who have done extraordinary things. Spencer was a full time weather forecaster, reporter, and guest host on ABC’s Good Morning America.

For 13 years, Spencer not only travelled in the world, but also served as spokesperson for ABC's literacy campaign, wrote and published a series of children's books, and had the opportunity to indulge a passion for wine as the host of "Spencer Christian's Wine Cellar", which aired on HGTV and later on the Food Network from 1995 to 2000.

“We are looking forward to hearing Spencer share his story with us at the conference,” says Rose Blozinski, WCPG Executive Director. “It show you that the problem gambling disorder can affect anyone. Spencer was successful, a well known public image with an exciting life and compulsive gambling took his life to desperation and despair.”

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling (WCPG) is hosting the 20th Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference. This year’s event will take place March 14th – 15th at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan. The conference is designed for anyone concerned about problem gambling in Wisconsin, including criminal justice personnel, human resources professionals, mental health professionals, gaming industry personnel, clergy, problem gamblers, and their families and friends.

WCPG is a statewide organization that provides resources, public awareness and education on gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling. The WCPG operates a Problem Gambling Helpline, and a Text and Chat line that are available 24/7 as a resource for anyone facing a gambling problem.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLE-5, Text at 1-850-888-Hope or Live Chat through the WCPG website at www.wi-problemgamblers.org.

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For more information, visit the [Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling](http://www.wisconsin-council-on-problem-gambling.org) website, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WisconsinCouncilonProblemGambling or follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/wcpqambling>