

REFLECTIONS BY LIZ - REACHING FOR THE STARS

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When Craig Miller was in college, he started a company installing fences; in his 20's he worked on some of the major transit projects in the Boston region; when 31 he started his own engineering company - The Waterfield Design Group. At the same time Craig also ran an orphanage in Haiti. He is not your typical engineer. Indeed, he is always reaching for the stars.

In my salon this week Craig told the story of his work in Haiti. He described his urge to help in Haiti; the leadership role he assumed in the orphanage in Haiti; and the passion that drives him. As he so aptly shared, he uses his talent - engineering - with his passion – improving lives - to make change. The same passion that influences his avocation drives his business and how he thinks about his employees, his clients and his projects. His message for all of us was the importance in our own personal and our work life to get out of our comfort zone and truly find places where we can push the limits and make use of our talents and passions. Like Craig, I have had the privilege of doing volunteer work and for profit work which engages my passions and talents and energizes my soul. Thus I know firsthand how true and valuable Craig's message is. Craig's remarks are available at www.lizlevin.com.

Future Programs: Monday April 25th, Motivating and Developing Employee-Owners, and Monday May 23rd, Consensus-Building for a Next Generation Firm. See www.lizlevin.com <<http://www.lizlevin.com>> for more information about the program and directions.

