

## Interview with Donna Sirianni



Hi! We're here to meet Donna Sirianni and to discuss the worldwide buzz surrounding her documentary "My Wish" and its connection to the "every day person". The "My Wish" trailer was just released this past April of 2009 on the movie's web site [www.MyWishTheMovie.com](http://www.MyWishTheMovie.com)

**Q: Hi Donna. So can you tell us a little about your background?**

A: Sure! Well, my back ground is that of a middle school and High School Science teacher. My Bachelor's degree is in Biology and my Master's is in Education. I always felt this need for reminding people the potential that they have inside themselves. I always loved watching people accomplish things that they at one point thought they couldn't. So I figured teaching would be the perfect place to accomplish this. Let me tell you, teaching was never a job-it was a privilege. I loved it! When my husband and I decided to start a family I knew however that I was going to resign to focus on raising a family. There did eventually come a point in time where I started to feel that pull again in wanting to make that positive impact, but this time I took the leap in wanting to do this beyond the classroom...I wanted to be able to reach both children and adults...all over the world...an I wanted to do it through the media.

**Q: What brought you to the point of wanting to create "My Wish" the movie at this point in your life? Where did you get the idea?**

A: Well, I always had an interest in the impact that film, TV and music had on people. I decided to go for the dream of producing and acting in TV and Film creating positive pieces of work that would hopefully inspire people worldwide to find the greatness within themselves and to go for their own dreams. I made a decision that I would one day want to combine the celebrity platform that you get in the entertainment industry with reaching out to the public in encouraging them to go for their **own** dreams. A friend of mine told me to never underestimate the positive impact that I could have on people. So I figured why keep this journey to myself? I figured that at this point in my life- already having had a fulfilling career as a teacher and now a stay at home mom- that I would go outside my comfort zone and document my journey from day one. I am documenting what it is really like, in real time, starting from scratch (no connections or training yet), to make a dream a reality. My goal or rather, "My Wish" is to demystify the process of manifesting a dream so that people will know that a dream is something that is actually tangible for them!

**Q: Why do you feel your documentary “My Wish” is unique and that the release of the trailer alone is striking a chord with people from all over the world?**

A: Well I can't even explain how humbling it is to be getting emails from people both in the U.S. and all over the world telling me how the trailer alone has made a major positive impact in their lives. The feedback I've been getting is that what they see and the words that they hear are so real. I am just a regular person but that's my **strength**. I have this extraordinary dream that I am so passionate about manifesting! And hopefully people take away the feeling, 'Well if **she** can do it- **I** can do it!' Take your "story" that keeps stopping you from pursuing your passion-your dream-put it aside-and just go for it! Just **decide** and start taking inspired action in making it happen! People have a lot more ability, courage and strength than they give themselves credit for!

**Q: How is “My Wish” relevant in today’s economic times? How can it help people?**

A: Well, I think if you look at it from the perspective of “Well, that job that you were working at taking up most of the hours of your life-did you really, honestly **love** it in the first place??” I think there are a good amount of people out there who were NOT working at their dream but who now have a “forced” opportunity to take a good look at themselves and their lives and ask themselves the questions “what are the things that are really important to me? What do I really want to be doing with all of the hours of my life? If I took the leap of going for a dream, what would I really be able to accomplish?” In “My Wish,” I'm starring at the blank page of the next chapter in my life-starting with the very first step. The audience can see someone else “go first” by watching me initiate the process. I want to show them that anything is possible!

**Q: So, Donna, what do you have in you that makes you think you can accomplish this?**

A: I have a **strong** belief system. First, I know that God is with me on this path. He knows me, he knows my intent and he'll be guiding me as I believe He does for everyone. Not to go too “exocentric” but I am applying “the law of attraction” and taking “inspired actions.” I look at my life from the perspective as a “spirit having a human experience.” My belief system tells me that I decided to come here. I decided to live at this time and in this time so why not play it out fully? Why not explore every possible talent and passion I have and see how that could contribute to others? And if I fail, so what! But I won't fail. I believe there is no such thing as failure anyway-only experiences. I want to be an example of **possibilities** to others. I believe in myself and I also believe in the great spirit of others to also accomplish what they really want to do deep down inside. I want them to feel that their time here is of value. I want them to find and expose their true potential in their lifetime and most of all to enjoy the **journey** because that journey to fulfilling a dream is your actual **life**!

**Q: Where are you in production for “My Wish”?**

A: Well, the “My Wish” production team (Russ Camarda, Tom Martin and Greg Bonasera) have graciously contributed all of their time, equipment and talent in producing the trailer for “My Wish” but now we need to raise funding to complete the rest of the film so we can get it out there!

**Q: Well since you are starting at “zero” how are you going to make that happen?**

A: Lots of brainstorming. I really want people to feel they are part of this movie -which is a kind of like a movement- as they are following me through my website, blogs, and interviews about my dream about getting into the entertainment industry. As they follow my dream, I want them to simultaneously be going for theirs! So I am deciding to announce that I would need 4,000 people to donate \$100 each (100% of it going to fund the film). I will put their name up on the closing credits of the movie as “Dream Makers” because it would be because of them that this film was able to be made. And as a gift from us, I have found talented life coaches from all over the world. I will call these life coaches **dream coaches** since I asked them to ask the fans what their specific **dream** is and how to get it going in their current set of circumstances. These dream coaches will talk to fans about what I’m calling a “My Wish” session, totally complimentary, about helping them to jump start their **own** dream! I’m envisioning it as a “we’re all in this together” effect. I really want this film to be inclusive and make a **real** positive difference in the lives of its audience all over the world to not just talk about manifesting dreams- but to actually DO IT!

**Q: How can people follow what’s happening on your journey? How can they get involved?**

A: They can go to the “My Wish” website at [www.MyWishTheMovie.com](http://www.MyWishTheMovie.com) and sign up to receive updates with just their name and email address. On the “My Wish” site it’s not just about what I am **doing** – but what I am **learning** about on my journey- and hopefully they can take something away that they could use on their own journey. They can also go to the “My Wish the Movie” group page on Facebook where we have created a forum for people wanting to be involved in the movie, to discuss their dreams and views with each other.

**Q: I’ve been told that all net proceeds of the film will be donated to charity? Which charity is that?**

A: Yes. All net proceeds of the film will be going to the **Hartman Foundation for Parkinson’s Research**. You can read up about it at [www.HartmanFoundation.org](http://www.HartmanFoundation.org)

Fr. Tom Hartman is a very close family/friend priest that I’ve known since I was a little girl. He has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s and is now leading his foundation to find **“a cure for sure!”** He has been a major positive impact in my life, next to my parents, and I want to give back to him for all that he has done for me and my family as well as for so many others.