## Speaker & Founder Adam Farris





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- \* Adam was diagnosed with Tourette's in1994 and then in 2012, was diagnosed with a form of Autism called Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- \* Adam's father taught him early to advocate for himself. They would go to public places and when he would have tics, his father taught him to talk about Tourette's syndrome and why he made the sounds and movements he did. Through understanding, others were not as likely to be scared or mean.
- \* Younique Abilities is the organization that Adam founded which sells awareness products.
- \* As a motivational speaker, Adam relates his experiences and helps others find their Younique Abilities.
- \* This year, Adam received the 2020 <u>Director's Commendation Award</u> from Art Spark Texas. He also received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition in recognition of being a 2019 safe diversity communities honoree from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee
- \* Adam's motto: Make one person smile a day. Think about how that would make them feel. Make two people smile a day, imagine the possibilities!
- \* Through the help of his father, Adam has grown into a confident, purpose-driven advocate who no longer shies away from social settings and lives a very full life.