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Mitch Albom Will Talk in Westport Jan 30 About His Latest Book, 'Finding Chika'

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Mitch Albom, the best-selling author of Tuesdays With Morrie will talk about the subject of his book "Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake and the Making of a Family" on Jan. 30.

His appearance at Westport Country Playhouse on Thursday, Jan. 30 is to benefit Circle of Care, a Connecticut-based nonprofit supporting families of children with cancer. Albom has waived his speaking fee for the event, and all ticket purchases will serve as a donation to Circle of Care.

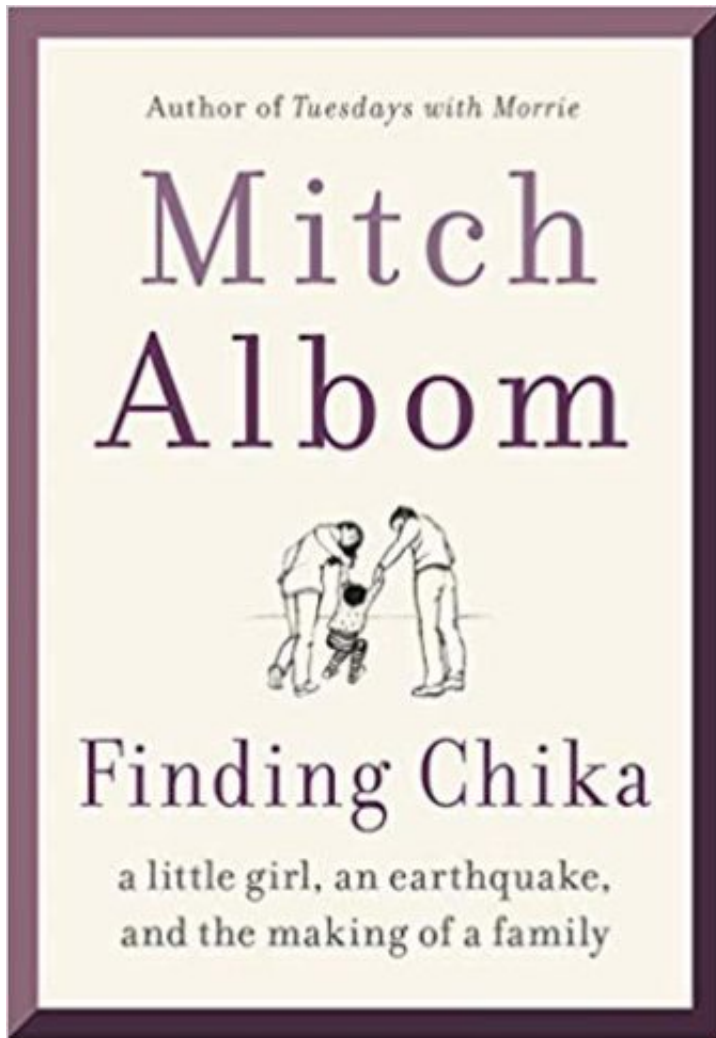
Albom will reflect on his life-changing experience with Chika, a young Haitian orphan he adopted, through anecdotes, photos, and videos.

He met Chika through the operation of the Have Faith Haiti Orphanage in Port Au Prince and in reaction to the 2010 hurricane devastation. The young orphan had developed a life-threatening brain tumor.

With no doctors in Haiti able to help her, Albom brought Chika to America. The story follows their two-year, across-the-world journey to find a cure for an inoperable brain tumor.

Told in hindsight, and through conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most vulnerable. He creates a beautiful portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made.

“This is the hardest yet most important book I have written or may ever write,” Albom said.



Circle of Care is dedicated to the same advocacy Albom addresses in *Chika* — childhood cancer. Circle of Care is a non-profit supporting families of children with cancer along the journey they must face.

Mitch Albom is a bestselling author, screenwriter, playwright and nationally syndicated columnist. *Tuesdays with Morrie*, which spent four straight years atop the New York Times bestseller list, is now the number-one

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selling memoir of all time.

Albom has founded nine charities in Detroit, including the first ever 24-hour medical clinic for homeless children in America. He also continues to operate the Have Faith Haiti Orphanage, and visits monthly.

For more information about the event, email tammi.small@thecircleofcare.org

If You're Going ...

- Westport Country Playhouse is 25 Powers Court Westport
- The event, starts at 7 p.m. and will last from 45 minutes to an hour.

Ticket Prices

- VIP ticket price \$75 — Signed book & reserved premier seating, meet and greet with author
- General admission ticket price \$35 in advance — first come first served seating includes one book.
- General admission ticket price \$40 at the door
- Additional books purchased at the event \$20
- Book price post event - \$25
- Tickets can be found at TheCircleofCare.org and MitchAlbom.com.