



# Article by Victor Marx

I am running for Governor of Colorado because I want to bring hope and assurance to many in this beautiful state, who are experiencing hardship and confusion. I have endured unimaginable physical, emotional and sexual abuse. When my mother discovered she was pregnant with me, my biological father threatened to kill her. But I came into this world to a life that was rife with hardship.

By the time I was 17, I had lived in 17 homes and attended 14 schools. But GOD had other plans for my life. Joining the U. S. Marine Corps was one of the most profound decisions I ever made. The Marines taught me discipline, brotherhood and, for the first time, gave me a true sense of purpose. Guided by faith, I turned trauma into mission and committed myself to rescuing and restoring others from the same darkness I once walked through.

Recently, I built a team and led them directly into ISIS territory so we could save a group of girls who had been kidnapped. Today, as the founder of 'All Things Possible Ministries', I've led more than 150 high-stakes missions across some of the world's most dangerous

regions, delivering trauma relief, medical aid, and hope to victims of terrorism, trafficking and violence. Our teams have served more than 45,000 women and children, many of whom were rescued from captivity and given a 2nd chance at life.

Over the years, I've been blessed to know men of deep conviction and courage, leaders who don't just talk about change...but LIVE IT! One of those friends, whom I held in the highest regard, was Charlie Kirk. I first met Charlie while speaking at a small, predominantly Latino church in Oxnard, California. I spoke before him, even though he had been scheduled as the keynote speaker. Later, he admitted he was a little frustrated - until he heard my message. He told me it deeply impacted him. We connected afterward - helped along, in part, by my dog, Scout - and we stayed in touch over the weeks that followed. In time, I spoke at multiple Turning Point events, often alongside my bride, Eileen, my wife of 37 years.

I understand hardship because I've lived it. I understand leadership because I've practiced it—in war zones, on rescue missions and while rebuilding communities. Now, I'm taking on a new mission, right here in Colorado, my home, where I have raised my children and hopefully their children and grandchildren. Colorado has grown cold; crime is rampant, faith and freedom are under attack. Families are struggling under the weight of rising costs and government overreach. That's why I am running for Governor... to restore safety, strength and moral clarity to the state I call Home. We have raised 5 children here and are now enjoying grandchildren. I hope you will consider me for Governor as your dreams for a flourishing state are my dreams...your hopes my hopes.