

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR 2015:

- In February, Donny spoke at the [36th Annual Hostage Negotiation Seminar](#), the largest and longest-running hostage negotiation convention in the world. Organized by the Baltimore County Police Department, the seminar is attended by law enforcement officers from around the world looking to improve their negotiation skills. Donny shared insights from his book, [I Hear You](#), through use of a customized negotiation simulation in which volunteers from the 800-person audience participated. Copies of *I Hear You* sold out in 15 minutes, with proceeds going to support the Baltimore County Police.
- In June, Donny completed a year-long project for the [US Embassy](#) in collaboration with [Mosaica](#), teaching negotiation skills to eleventh grade students from paired Israeli Jewish and Arab schools from around the country. The negotiation workshops, delivered in English, allowed these students from diverse communities to interact with one another and learn new skills in a neutral context. Click here for a [video](#).
- In November, Donny began working with the [Jerusalem American International School JAIS](#). The school comprises students from Jewish Israeli, Palestinian and international backgrounds. The sessions are designed to help this diverse set of students and teachers acquire skills for constructive dialogue, enabling them to discuss even the most sensitive issues.
- In conjunction with [Mosaica](#), Donny addressed a gathering of over 100 educational facilitators who help immigrant parents and students integrate into the Israeli educational system. The facilitators are themselves immigrants and hail from diverse backgrounds, and include speakers of Amharic, Tigrinya, Russian, French, and Spanish. Donny offered the participants tips for facilitating between parents and schools, bridging the cultural divide.

