



## S.D. Woman Tells How Reality Show Made Her A Real 'Survivor'

Holly Hoffman may not have won the "Survivor" reality television show and its \$1 million prize, but she still considers herself a winner.

The South Dakota woman made the four finalists — the last woman and the last in her age bracket — who battled deep in Nicaragua during Season 21 of the CBS reality series "Survivor" in 2010.

In the process, she learned about the things that really mattered to her — faith, family, friends and an inner strength and passion that she never knew existed.

In turn, that made her a true survivor.

"It took me starving in the jungle to find out what life is about," she told an audience of nearly 250 during the ninth annual Celebrate Women

program at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton. The Press & Dakotan was a sponsor of this event.

Hoffman, who also spoke at the 2011 Celebrate Women event, shared with her audience the six words of survival: attitude, determination, confidence, desire, faith and perseverance. "Feel it, know it, show it, believe it," she said.

Hoffman compared life to a shopping cart — sometimes stuck, sometimes with the squeaky wheel, sometimes filled with junk, and usually left empty.

It was that need for fulfillment that led her to seek out the "Survivor" show.

Hoffman and her husband, Charlie, live on

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