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### **Meet a Scientologist—Cherie Ceberano, a Force to Contend With**

*A Scientologist for more than 50 years, Cherie Ceberano is vibrant, indomitable and going strong.*

Cherie Ceberano is the center of a virtual world of help.

A Scientologist since age 14, Cherie learned about Scientology when her parents became involved in the religion in 1959 and she and her sister Kay enrolled on a course at the [Church of Scientology of Melbourne](#).

“In a matter of days I absolutely *knew* I was home,” says Cherie. “I experienced a spiritual epiphany. It is hard to explain exactly what it meant to me, but I gained a certainty of myself that I have never lost.”

The matriarch of a tight-knit, successful family, Cherie relied on Scientology to ensure her children had the tools they needed to succeed in their own endeavors.

“From the time my children were small, the overriding principle we operated on was—if you have a situation, communicate about it—no matter what it is. That is the principle that always wins for us,” she says.

And Cherie certainly knows how to get a family winning. All four children and nine grandchildren are succeeding in life, her eldest son Bey produces and directs movies in Hong Kong, her second son Paul is a Karate Master, her third son Phil a successful guitarist and her daughter is Australian singing and songwriting legend Kate Ceberano.

When Kate was 15 and determined to perform in venues she wasn’t old enough to enter, Cherie drove her to her gigs—never a pushy stage mother but always encouraging. The family continues to provide a support network for Kate’s career. Kate’s stepfather Ben Balfour is her tour manager, Kate’s brother Phil is her band leader and creative partner, and Ruthie Ceberano, the wife of Kate’s brother Paul, is her personal assistant.

Cherie is also a Scientology *auditor*—spiritual counselor—and she derives the greatest joy from helping others sort out and overcome issues in their lives.

“One of the most gratifying activities is salvaging marriages,” she says. “I work with the couple to help them confront their own part in the situation and reestablish communication. Using Scientology technology we locate the source of their conflicts. Then I help them recall and renew their goals and purposes for the relationship. It often starts out looking hopeless—like

Humpty Dumpty *after* he fell off the wall. But the difference is, we *do* put it back together again.”

A native of Melbourne, Cherie is delighted with the city’s new Church of Scientology that opened in January 2011—she describes it as large enough to provide a full range of services to people new to the subject, to Scientology parishioners and to the community at large, yet warm, friendly and welcoming to all who walk in the door.

“I love introducing people to Scientology, because I know how much they will benefit from it,” says Cherie. “This Church is so beautiful. All of us are so proud of what we accomplished in making it happen. It really *is* an ideal Scientology Church. It’s my favorite place to be.”

For more information on the [Church of Scientology of Melbourne](#), or to watch more than [200 video profiles of Scientologists](#) as they explain how they use Scientology to improve their lives, visit [www.Scientology.org](http://www.Scientology.org).

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*The popular “Meet a Scientologist” profiles on the Church of Scientology International Video Channel at Scientology.org now total more than 200 broadcast-quality documentary videos featuring Scientologists from diverse locations and walks of life. The personal stories are told by Scientologists who are educators, teenagers, skydivers, a golf instructor, a hip-hop dancer, IT manager, stunt pilot, mothers, fathers, dentists, photographers, actors, musicians, fashion designers, engineers, students, business owners and more.*

*A digital pioneer and leader in the online religious community, in April 2008 the Church of Scientology became the first major religion to launch its own official YouTube Video Channel, which has now been viewed by millions of visitors.*



Scientologists Cherie (left) and daughter, Australian singing icon Kate Ceberano