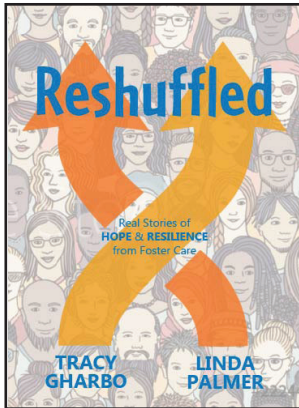


Reshuffled

Real Stories of Hope and Resilience from Foster Care

Media Kit



Reshuffled tells the life stories of former foster children, who despite all odds, craft productive lives. Within Reshuffled, former foster children share their trials and strategies to gain footing in their unpredictable lives with the hope that their stories can model, inspire, and encourage youth facing similar situations today. Tracy Gharbo and Linda Palmer have captured the authentic voices of the abused and abandoned children who become lawyers, social workers, military officers, college graduates, scientists, teachers, parents, athletes, and foster care advocates. Inspiration abounds in unique lives, told honestly and without reserve.

“As a social worker and leader of a nonprofit organization that has served children and youth in foster care for over 40 years, I have learned much from many of the individuals represented in this book as their colleague, friend, and collaborative partner. Reshuffled is a unique look into the strength, courage, resilience, and resolve through the authentic stories from voices that need to be heard more often. I believe this book will inspire other children in foster care and all of us young and old to realize that never giving up and accepting support from others can open doors to reach dreams and overcome the struggles and traumas encountered on the journey of life.”

- Greg Peter, President and CEO of United Methodist Family Services

“What a privilege it is to read these essays of courage and strength written so beautifully in Reshuffled. As we continue our work to improve the foster care system, especially for our older youth, may we find instruction and wisdom in the words on these pages. Thank you all for sharing your heart with us.”

- Melissa O’Neill, State Court Appointed Special Advocate Program Coordinator,
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Our Goal



Reshuffled is the product of a three-year effort by authors Linda Palmer and Tracy Gharbo to create a reference for teens experiencing foster and kinship care. The stories within Reshuffled are intended to help those currently in the system to define the future of their dreams and aspirations. All proceeds from the sale of Reshuffled are being donated to Colonial Court Appointed Special Advocates, LLC to help neglected and abused children find their voice in the legal system.

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