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initiative

SEEKING PARTNERS

THE STORY OF FOSTER CARE VOL. 2

SEEKING PARTNERS TO SPONSOR
AUTHOR SESSIONS, BOOK, AND
GALLERY TOUR



*Our first book, The Story of Foster Care Vol. 1
Available in print through Amazon or Barnes & Noble
with the E-Book addition arriving soon*

What We're Working On

In our first book, *The Story of Foster Care vol. 1*, we invited people into the intricate world of foster care as told by former foster youth, foster parents, and caseworkers. In this sequel book, we will be hearing from individuals who experienced both foster care and human trafficking, individuals who work at the organizations supporting their healthy exit from trafficking, and from child welfare professionals who saw the connections in their work.

We are currently seeking supportive funding that will be used to “sponsor” the storytellers to come from across the US to our weekend sessions in Texas, so that the participants will not have to pay for anything (ex. transportation, lodging, food, etc.). Funding will also be used to help bring the gallery across the United States, covering the cost of ground transportation for the art/display walls, any rented spaces, and the launch event (which will be catered, advertised, and held at a nice venue).

We are aiming to have the Storytelling Through Photography workshops completed by the end of 2022 or early 2023, with the hopes of touring the new addition to the gallery at conferences and partner organizations throughout the Summer and Fall of 2023.

About the Creation Process

Following the Storytelling Through Photography curriculum developed by EFI, participants will use photography to share their journey and process their story through art-therapy. A select group of photos taken during this course will be used to create a traveling exhibition to be shown in art galleries, schools, conferences, and churches in the United States. The gallery will also be compiled into a book that will be available wherever books are sold. The goal of this project is to bring awareness to the needs, challenges and joys of those involved in the foster care community and to raise funds for Empty Frames Initiative's first facility.

This project starts with one weekend of classroom style training and photography exercises using the Storytelling Through Photography workbook by Empty Frames Initiative. This time also allows participants to engage in peer-to-peer group discussions. Trainings will be divided into the three categories, with a unique session for those with lived experience, those coming from non-profit work, and those with child welfare experience. Example (DATES NOT SET, just example of how classes are organized):

August 12th-15th: Foster care alumni & human trafficking survivors

August 19th-22nd: Current or former child welfare professionals

August 26th-29th: Current or former non-profit organization workers

Participants will again be given artist/photography/author credit for work submitted, compensation for time in trainings, basic digital camera, access to all gallery events, and (2) copies of the book. There is also the opportunity for Empty Frames Initiative to purchase a standard use commercial license for rights to reprint photographs that will be sold separately from the book. Participants will be compensated directly. To hear more about their experience and the creation of this book, you can watch this session with our authors hosted by Foster Families NC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKVpDI70Blk>



A stop on our first gallery tour. The stories are integrated into the art, allowing everyone to experience the gallery in a way that means the most to them.

Let's work together!

We want to see this project reach many people and organizations, so we've started our sponsorship levels at \$100. This allows organizations of all sizes to partner with us, support this work, and help tell the story of foster care while advocating against human trafficking. You can donate directly through our campaign: <https://givebutter.com/storytellingthroughphotography>

PARTNERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

SUPPORTER

\$100

Supporter Partners will receive a "thank you" acknowledgement in the book, have constant communication about the projects progress, will be notified when author applications are opened, will be listed in the gallery's programs, and receive a free copy of The Story of Foster Care Vol 2.

SENDER

\$250

Senders will receive all of the Supporter benefits, AND social media shout-outs throughout the promotion of the book. They will be tagged in all book promotion, and receive one designated shout-outs about their organization.

EQUIPPER

\$500

Equippers will receive all of the Supporter and Sender benefits, AND will be sent two copies of The Story of Foster Care Vol. 1, have their organization's name on the gallery banners

EMPOWERER

\$1,000

Empowerers will receive all the Supporter, Sender, and Equipper benefits, AND have their organization's logo listed in the back of the book, and the opportunity to request a gallery stop at their location during the first tour of the gallery (location must be within the US).

CO-CREATOR

\$5,000

Co-Creator partners will have all of the benefits provided to Supporters, Senders, Equippers, and Empowerers, AND will be given 10 free copies of Vol. 2, and will be able to order copies of both books at-cost.

For more information on this project or how to give, please contact Miriam Cobb at miriam@fillingemptyframes.org