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Protecting Children from the System that Is Supposed to Protect Them

Author outlines actionable solutions to foster care flaws

San Jose, CA, October 2, 2020 — André Chapman develops a way to derail the familiar one-way journey from foster care to homelessness or prison. In his newly released book, ***Roses in Concrete*** (ISBN 978-0-9966869-3-8) Chapman shares his proven methodologies for building resilience and self-sufficiency among some of the most underserved and traumatized communities in our nation — youth in our foster care system — and his vision for a system that works.

“We need to create culturally responsive systems of healing,” said Chapman, Founder and CEO of Unity Care, a nonprofit agency that provides housing and supportive services for foster youth and emerging adults. “I’ve seen a lot in my 27 years serving youth and families, including how we as a society have criminalized poverty and negatively impacted our children.”

In ***Roses in Concrete***, Chapman examines the systemic racial and socioeconomic biases that inadvertently devastate children by breaking families apart. He explains the operational structure and practices of our child welfare system, shining a light on its weaknesses and building on ideas set forth by some of the foremost experts in foster care with his own comprehensive strategies for change. He also shares his approach to meeting the most fundamental needs of the thousands of foster youth in his care — a safe home, education endeavors, career aspirations, well-being and unconditional care.

Through his work as nonprofit leader, speaker, author, and trainer, Chapman has launched revolutionary improvements in the fields of foster care, juvenile justice, mental health, and public education. He teaches business leaders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors how to reduce cultural and racial bias and promote equity within their systems and organizations. His vision is to transform our foster care systems into places of healing that support children, youth & families’ development, and self-sufficiency.

Published by Diamond Kane Publishing, ***Roses in Concrete*** is available in soft cover and ebook formats with full national distribution.

For more information, review copies of ***Roses in Concrete*** or an interview with André Chapman visit www.RosesInConcrete.com or contact Theresa Wilson or Dyan Chan at td@lighthouseblue.com.

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