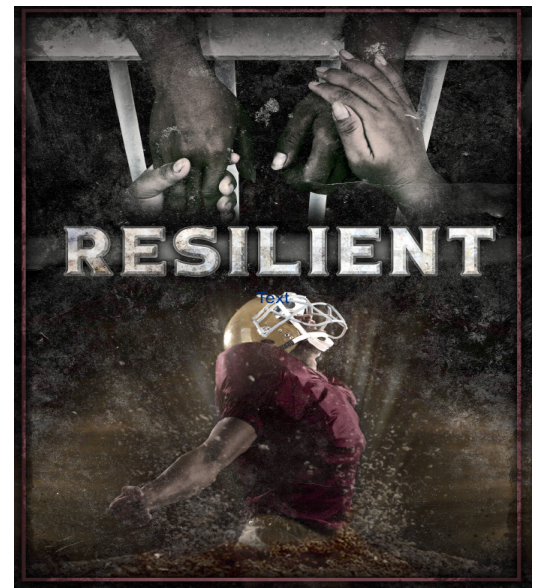


Immediate Release:
Homeless Dr. tells his story of beating the odds in his new film!

The Ultimate Story of Beating the Odds

From Homeless to Dr.!



For Immediate Release

- US Movie Premier: Summer 2019
- Location: Charlotte, NC
- International: TBD

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Trailer:

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"Watson had the guts...he had within himself the characteristics necessary to succeed."

The Denver Post ~

"Watson's life reads like a Hollywood screenplay."

BIGTEN Network ~

There are nearly 3 million homeless students in our nation's public schools- a problem that continues to grow at staggering rates. Tonight, in Charlotte, NC (where I reside) nearly 5000 kids will go to sleep in shelters, motel rooms and in cars. According to the Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness, these students have an 87% chance of dropping out.

This is a movie that will shine the light on childhood homelessness by looking through the life of Tommy Watson whose parents were arrested 121 times by the time he was a senior in high school, in the midst of being recruited as one of the top football players in America. "The purpose of writing and producing the movie was to inspire others to be their best selves regardless of the challenges they face in life," explains Dr. Tommy Watson. "I want people to know that our stories, good or bad, make us who we are and what we decide to become." It is this reason Dr. Watson is now sharing his own empowering story in his movie, **Resilient**, scheduled to release in Charlotte, NC in the summer of 2019. The movie is based upon his real-life, award-winning book **A Face of Courage: The Tommy Watson Story**.

Watson's parents were heroin addicts and shoplifters. Watson grew up in the Five Points area of Denver, a crime-ridden neighborhood wrought with gang violence, drugs and poverty. Living in this type of neighborhood would create any number of obstacles and challenges for a young person, however, Watson's biggest challenges were faced behind closed doors. Watson and his siblings paid a hell of a price due to the actions of their drug-addicted parents. Fortunately for Watson, he was able to rise above the odds that consumed his parents, siblings, and many friends.

Despite being in foster homes, living in 7 different motel rooms, being homeless as a senior in high school and without any parental supervision, protection or support, Dr. Watson overcame challenge after challenge after challenge and became an utter success!

From pain to purpose, **RESILIENT** is Watson's inspiring journey from homelessness, abandonment and childhood neglect to successful Big Ten football player with hopes for the NFL and later a fulfilling career as a school principal and motivational speaker.

Resilient, similar to the movies *Blindside* and *Pursuit of Happyness*, depicts a homeless Tommy Watson willing to do whatever it takes, and against all odds to rise above his circumstance and flourish. The powerful message of Dr. Tommy Watson's story is *if he can do it, then maybe there is a chance for anyone*.

"He [Watson] is a reminder of what you can do to achieve seemingly impossible dreams."
—Omaha World Herald

"Tommy is a character to root for, and it is easy to invest in his journey towards a better future. The story is moving and has a lot of heart, a solid tale of resilience and hope."

The Black List
(Leading industry reviewer)

For Your Interview:

1. For a prop-your audience would get to see Dr. Watson's infamous trunk that he lived out of when he was homeless.
2. The interview would be **humorous, engaging, entertaining, enlightening, and inspiring**- these are things that Dr. Watson has been known for providing- hence the name "Dr. Inspiration".

Potential questions for the interview:

1. Tell us briefly about your story of growing up and dealing with homelessness.
2. What kept you going during those difficult periods of your life?
3. Were there any caring adults who came to your rescue?
4. Were there times that you considered giving up?
5. Why the title *Resilient* for the movie?
6. What made you decide to put your story out in the form a film?
7. Do you have plans on sharing the film beyond Charlotte?
8. What do you hope that movie viewers will leave feeling or knowing after your movie?
9. How do you see poverty and homelessness being different?
10. What made you begin to tell your story?
11. What do you hope to accomplish in getting the word out about childhood homelessness?
12. What is your message to those students and families that might be in the midst of struggle?
13. How can people stay connected with you and get more information?

Dr. Tommy Watson is the author of two books:

- *A Face of Courage*
- *The Resilience of Champions*

Click here to see more of Dr. Tommy Watson's incredible story:

www.tommyresilient.com

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