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A Journey Through Generosity: Bill and Susan Walters' Impact on my life and the lives of thousands of families of children with disabilities.

I recently had the privilege of guiding a film crew through the heart of Opportunity Village, a place that has been transformed by the extraordinary generosity of my friends Bill and Susan Walters. Bill's best selling book, "Gambler, Secrets of a Life at Risk," not only delves into his remarkable life but also sheds light on why he is revered as the most successful sports bettor and humanitarian in history.

As the proud mother of Christopher, a beloved son with Down syndrome, and former executive at Opportunity Village in Las Vegas, I was invited by Bill to share with his documentary film crew the profound impact he has had on my life and the lives of countless others within the disability community.

Walking through the Bill and Susan Walters campus, I narrated previously untold stories that unfold in Bill's book – stories of resilience, compassion, and unwavering support for the underprivileged, particularly those living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Billy Walters, per ESPN, "is the greatest and most controversial sports gambler ever." Often recognized as a hard-hitting, take-no-prisoners individual, my friend Bill reveals

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Gambler Secrets from a Life at Risk

Billy Walters

a different side of himself in his book – a compassionate soul with a heart of gold. The documentary, currently in the making, will further unveil the layers of Bill's character and the positive influence he and Susan have had on Opportunity Village and countless other non profits.

I am deeply honored to be a part of both the documentary and the book, where Bill generously refers to me as a fundraising icon and the "Mother Teresa of the desert." These accolades speak volumes about his kindness and the genuine impact that the Walters have made on individuals and families facing unique challenges.

For those eager to delve into the captivating world of Bill Walters and gain insights into his unparalleled success, "Gambler, Secrets of a Life at Risk" is a must-read. The book not only unravels the mysteries behind his achievements in sports betting but also highlights the philanthropic spirit that defines him.

If you're ready to explore the pages of this remarkable journey and discover the heart behind the gambler, you can purchase "Gambler, Secrets of a Life at Risk" [here](#).

In a world often focused on odds, Bill and Susan Walters have rewritten the narrative, showing that true success is measured by the positive impact we have on the lives of others.

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Motivational Speaker & Fundraiser

My passion is helping development professionals and boards of directors think big, raise expectations and increase fundraising efforts and results for their nonprofit organization's mission. I specialize in fundraising consulting for capital campaigns and major gifts, non-profit board development, signature event development and overall fundraising leadership and management.

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Testimonial

“Working with Linda was a critical component to helping our organization to truly evaluate our real needs for our capital project. Not only did she help us see things bigger – even how much bigger the community need for our programs – she also was an invaluable resource for understanding the philanthropy landscape. Having a resource like Linda was one of the most important investments we made to having a successful project!”

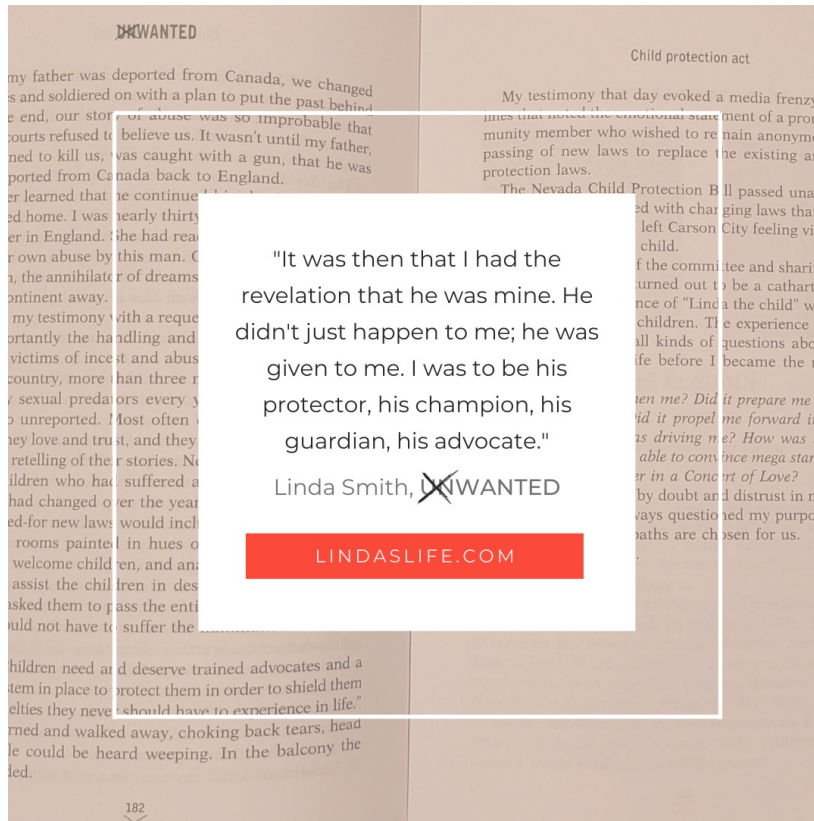
Michelle Jackson | President & CEO
Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada

LINDA'S *life*

Linda Smith, Author

My first book, "Unwanted" chronicles my life as the survivor of childhood abuse and mother of a disabled child who became a fundraising icon and relentless advocate for people with disabilities. All proceeds from this book will benefit The Christopher Smith Foundation, an organization my family and I founded to support family members of children with disabilities and those within the professional caregiving field who care for vulnerable citizens.

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Upcoming Events

I'm excited to be heading to McKinney Texas for the February 17, Hugs Cafe Gala. Donning my cowboy hat with pride, as the proud consultant for Hugs Cafe, and I'm all set to strut my stuff at the dazzling Gala!



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