

Special Guest Tamar Chafets



Tamar Chafets began working with homeless youth in 2003 for *School on Wheels*, an organization that tutors and advocates for homeless students in Los Angeles. The organization provides tutoring, supplies and most importantly an adult who can maintain a long term sustainable relationship with the student.

In addition to being a tutor and court advocate, Tamar taught classes to homeless parents on the social, emotional and physical impact of raising children in a homeless environment. The classes included how to navigate the school system to setting boundaries within a framework of empathy in order to support their children through an incredibly difficult situation.

Tamar has also worked extensively within the foster care system teaching life skills to teenagers who were soon to emancipate from the system. Tragically, a large number of the emancipated foster youth experience homelessness immediately after emancipation.

Tamar also lobbied and helped pass AB12 to change the emancipation age of 18 to 21 for foster youth in hopes to decrease homelessness in recently emancipated foster youth.

Tamar joined *Revolutionary Releasing* in 2004 as Vice President of Distribution and Servicing and is responsible for the delivery infrastructure, marketing and publicity for the company. A twenty-two-year film veteran, Chafets has worked in many aspects of film industry: production, sales, financing, servicing and distribution. Tamar attended the University of Southern California and is a member of the HRW Los Angeles Committee and the HRW Student Task Force Advisory Committee. She lives in Los Angeles with her daughter.