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Unlocking Life's Second Chances



THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE is a story about giving hope. It is about unlocking life's second chances for ex-offenders to help them find new lives beyond the prison walls. The Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP) embodies this spirit of hope. For 10 years, it has been passionately engaging and galvanising the community – families of ex-offenders; corporate, non-profit and government partners; and the general public – entreating them to believe that every ex-offender who takes personal responsibility for his own life can be transformed and reintegrated successfully into society. Commemorating its 10th Anniversary, this book chronicles YRP's inception, journey, and triumphs as well as challenges. It also features ex-offenders whose transformed lives are a testament to the relentless work and contribution of the people behind the project. Reverberating with grit, resolve and hope, the stories will set your heart ablaze to extend your hands in unlocking second chances for exoffenders. Truly, every transformed life is a trophy of hope and belief.

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EXCERPTS

"The authorities are ready of the next phase of YRP.

Is the community ready?"

SOH WAI WAH | Director of Prisons

""As a society, let's continue to fearlessly believe in the potential for goodness in ex-offenders, and persevere to bring out the best in them."

CHNG HWEE HONG | Chairman of SCORE

"The Courage to Believe is a daring expression of the YRP vision"

TEO TZE FANG | CEO of SCORE & Chairman of YRP Committee

""I never dreamed that I could one day, get married, have children."

MICHAEL TEOH | Counsellor & Ex-Offender & Beneficiary of YRP