

WITH NO DIRECTION HOME THOMAS HUDSON

WITH NO DIRECTION HOME chronicles the struggles of Thomas Hudson as he leaves the foster care system to fend for himself. Despite being physically and sexually abused and spending years shuttling between group homes, shelters, and mental institutions, Thomas was able to enroll in college, work a part-time job, and rent his own apartment. However, once he turned 21 and his foster care case was officially closed, Thomas packed a suitcase and ran away from Chicago. After a brief stint of homelessness in Florida, Thomas returned to Chicago with a renewed determination to make it on his own. Despite the scars that will never fully heal from his troubled childhood, Thomas discovered enough inner strength and resiliency to begin to take control of his life.

WITH NO DIRECTION HOME was written, produced and directed by Roger Weisberg. His twenty-five previous documentaries have won over a hundred awards including Emmy, Peabody, duPont-Columbia awards. He received an Academy Award nomination in 2001 for *SOUND AND FURY* and in 2003 for *WHY CAN'T WE BE A FAMILY AGAIN?* WITH NO DIRECTION HOME was co-produced and co-directed by Maria Finitzo who has been making documentaries for 20 years. Her most recent production, *5 GIRLS*, was awarded the Henry Hampton Award from The Council on Foundations, the Silver Award from The Chicago Film & Television Competition, and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Parent's Guide to Children's Media.