

SYNOPSIS

Title : *The Pursuit of Happyness*
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The Pursuit of Happyness begins in 1981 in San Francisco, California. Chris Gardner (Will Smith) and Linda (Thandie Newton) live in a small apartment with their five-year-old son, Christopher. Gardner has invested the family's life savings in a franchise selling portable bone density scanners. These scanners provide slightly denser pictures than X-rays, but most of the doctors Chris visits find that they are too high-priced. Linda works in a dead-end job in a local hotel laundry. The tension between them mounts as unpaid rent and bills continue to accumulate.

Gardner is a family man struggling to make ends meet. Despite his courageous attempts to help keep the family survive, Linda is collapsing under the constant strain of financial pressure. No longer able to cope, she reluctantly decides to leave. Gardner, now a single father, continues doggedly to pursue a better-paying job using every sales skill he knows. He lands an internship at a

prestigious stock brokerage firm, and although there is no salary, he accepts, hopeful he will end the program with a job and a promising future. Without a financial cushion, Gardner and his son are soon evicted from their apartment and forced to sleep in shelters, bus stations, bathrooms, or wherever they can find refuge for the night. After spending several nights riding buses and sleeping in subway restrooms with their meager belongings, they begin lining up at the Glide Memorial Church on a daily basis in an effort to secure accommodations for the night.

Despite his troubles, Gardner continues to honor his commitment as a loving and caring father, using the affection and trust his son has placed in him as an impetus to overcome the obstacles he faces. In the end, Gardner gets the job and later starts his own brokerage firm in 1987. Then in 2006 he sells a minority of it for a multi-million dollar deal.