



# WALKING TALL SOUTHERN OREGON

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This letter is being written to inform our faithful and future supporters that Walking Tall Southern Oregon (known as Walking Tall) is following the mission and vision of its founders, Tom and Judy Smurzynski and a group of supportive mentors. As of July 31, 2017, we are discontinuing our joint venture with Rogue Valley Youth for Christ. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, Walking Tall will be pursuing federal tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3). While this process is underway, Walking Tall will be a project covered by Trail Christian Fellowship. Thus, donors who do NOT require a personal, federal tax deduction, may donate by checks written directly to: **Walking Tall Southern Oregon: Walking Tall P.O. Box 3789 Central Point, OR 97502** For our supporters that require a personal tax-deductible contribution, please direct checks to: **Trail Christian Fellowship (memo line) Walking Tall: Trail Christian Fellowship 18881 OR-62, Eagle Point, OR 97524 or visit trail.org**

In either case, your gifts will continue to be used for food, construction materials and office supplies as well as insurance coverage and other overhead expenses. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Our weekly program will continue uninterrupted. This year, Walking Tall plans to continue:

- Always feeding participants a meal at each event.
- Restoration on the 1962 school bus project.
- Planning, building and to sell rustic furniture and other items to supplement the Walking Tall program.
- To design and build a Christmas present in Nov/Dec with each young man.
- Designing and building projects to sell at Art in Bloom for funding the annual fishing trip.

Walking Tall will continue to demonstrate:

- Respect – by a welcoming hand-shake
- Technical expertise – by instructing job readiness skills in construction, woodworking, automotive, metal fabricating and small engines
- Life skills – coaching young men to become healthy friends, husbands, and fathers
- A message of hope – modeling a spiritual holy lifestyle for the next generation
- Leadership – mentoring young men to become a lifelong friend and men of their word

## Our Mission

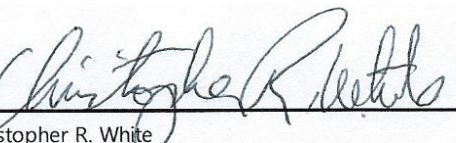
Compassionate life coaching men, who establish permanent connections with Christian faith-based mentorship, will focus on teen young men to create hands-on experiences for job readiness, thereby building personal respect, integrity and character.

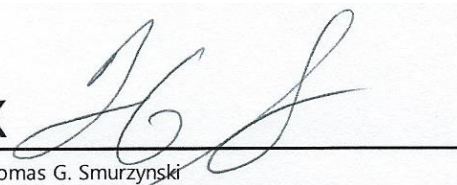
## Our Vision

Walking Tall inspires one another not by the things we say, but by the things we do. By believing this, we can be assured that Godliness will be passed on in ways we do not expect – to the most helpless among us.

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