



WT Walking Tall

Southern Oregon

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LIFE COACHING

FAITH-BASED
MENTORSHIP

HANDS-ON
EXPERIENCES
FOR JOB
READINESS

AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MORE

I Cherish This Place

I came to the Walking Tall Friend Raiser Open House a year ago, and all the mentors were really nice. I was allowed to go into all the different shops and became part of the dirt bike shop. I'm not sure what makes me feel so useful in there, but it brings a good sensation to me when I help the new guys out. No one likes to feel useless; when you are useful, you can always tell because your heart will always turn warm. WT has changed my life because if I hadn't come here, I would be vegging out on my phone, and we all know that isn't good for us. At WT, we like to help each other, and in our departments, we learn from mentors and help others. It's just amazing!

When I was very young, my dad got arrested in front of me, and he has been in and out of my life and in and out of jail, which has been my most enormous trauma. I try to accept him back into my life each time to help him not be depressed. I always forgive him and don't push him away. When I was six, my siblings and I were put with my grandma after my mom and stepdad divorced. My mom was declared unfit to raise us, so I'm grateful grandma took us in, and we didn't go into the system. I help her at her barber shop, and even though our family doesn't always get along, we always say we love each other. At school, I wrestled for many years and started football a couple of years ago. When the other kids on the team say I'm helpful and friendly, I let them know how much that means to me. I have struggled with my grades this year because I like to talk and disrupt my class, so next school year, I will pay more attention in class to improve my grades.

Walking Tall is family to me, and one of my best times was on the patio boat at the annual fishing trip; everyone felt like family. My family life has issues, but when I come to Walking Tall, it almost makes me want to cry because I know there's always someone there looking out for me. Someday, when I'm not at Walking Tall anymore, I will frame my shirt and coin, and put them on my wall. That's how much I cherish this place!



All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 6:37

Thank you for your support and prayers!

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