



# 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

## Treasured Times

Josef is a 14-year-old young man who has two older brothers who are part of Walking Tall. Both brothers work at the bakery located down the road from their house. Josef had expressed an interest in working at the same bakery as his brothers for his first job. If he wasn't attending Walking Tall, he would likely be spending his time playing video games and spending time with his cats at home. He excels in math, but he doesn't find it to be gratifying. Josef joined Walking Tall three years ago after his brothers had been in the program for a while. They found out about it at Walking Tall's pancake fundraiser, where a friend invited them. Walking Tall has been instrumental in teaching them woodworking, construction, and CAD computer skills.



Josef's dad taught him some skills until he reached the eligible age to join WT. Even though he had some skills, he initially struggled with making eye contact and shaking hands with people. Since joining Walking Tall he has made vast improvements in these social interactions. Josef says the food is delicious and the people are incredibly friendly.

The program has equipped him with numerous employable skills, both physical and social. He appreciates that his dad is a mentor, and he has made many friends here. Usually, he and his dad work in different departments; Dad is in the woodshop or teaching CAD software, while Josef was in the advanced CAD program for a while. His latest project was working in construction, specializing in building outdoor steps. He and his dad also work at Walking Tall on special projects outside of the normal WT days. They always take pride in their work and never compromise on quality.



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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