

FAITH-BASED MENTORSHIP

HANDS-ON **EXPERIENCES** FOR JOB READINESS

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

Year 2024 is complete and time to report some "statistics" from behind the scenes. Each year Walking Tall celebrates "Friend Raiser", our annual fund-raising event. This event really does develop friendships, both old and new, with folks who partner with us to support our mission. For 2024, more than 83 families, businesses and churches participated in our event. It began with a \$15,000 "challenge" that was "matched" and we



were blessed with other challenges throughout the last quarter of 2024. Remarkably, funds arrived just-in-time to cover about 20% increased costs over previous year 2023 ~ for food, tools, materials, safety supplies, utilities ~ just to mention a few. After surviving 12 years of maturing operations, Walking Tall hosts more than 90 teens and Mentors during weekly campus events. Still, Walking Tall strives to focus on our mission: teaching hands-on skills while mentoring teen young men in the process of becoming Godly gentlemen. Mentors dedicate time to these young men each week, despite uncertain outcomes and not knowing how long they can participate. We know it's important for everyone to feel connected and supported, so we're reaching out to our local community for friendly mentors who can inspire our teens with Christ-like work ethics. Together, we can make a positive impact! We publish a weekly Newsletter informing nearly 400 families, businesses, and churches, across the country, of success stories about teens or Mentors, with even parent contributions. Having said all, Walking Tall stands on the Word of God for our encouragement and refreshment. Teen young men earn a "challenge coin" to carry as a tangible symbol of recognizing they are not alone in this process of growing-up. Modelled after Ephesians 6:14-17 (Armor of God), the coin reminds the teens of how to respond to daily challenges. Walking Tall appreciates your ongoing support in 2025. We also recognize and are thankful for your willingness to make sacrifices in your contributions to WT. The Friend Raiser event is a significant source of funding, providing approximately 30% of our annual operating budget. The remaining funds come from your monthly donations that help us sustain our operations. Thank you, and we wish you a blessed and prosperous New Year! Mentor Doug

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Thank you for your Prayers and Support!

If you would like to partner with Walking Tall, please consider a one time donation or regular monthly donations to support and continue offering many skills to these young men. Thank you so much! Walking Tall: PO Box 3789 Central Point, OR 97502 or walkingtallso.org for online donations.