



# WT Walking Tall

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

## From Challenge to Craft



Niko is thirteen, and his story already carries a lot of strength. Not long ago, seizures were a frightening part of his everyday life. Then his mom made a change, starting him on a special diet. Slowly, everything shifted. The seizures stopped. For Niko and his family, it felt like a fresh start.

These days, you'll often find Niko in the Walking Tall wood shop. It's his favorite place to be. His mentor, Tim, works right alongside him, teaching him how to use tool after tool. Niko laughs when he says, "I've not mastered all of them," but that's what keeps it exciting. He likes projects that stretch him and make him solve problems. Recently, Niko finished a beautiful end table. He remembers how satisfying it felt to see it come together. Working on fun projects especially when Tim is there. They joke, talk, and enjoy the work together. Tim even knows Niko's teacher, and sometimes they share stories about Niko, teasing him in a friendly way that makes him smile.

When asked what others think of him, Niko shrugs a little and says, "Tim tells my parents I'm a great kid, but I wonder?" There's humility in his words. Then he adds that his parents would probably say God gave him talent. As for the future, Niko has big ideas. He might want to become a firefighter someday. He imagines coming home from the fire station and building wood projects on the side. He's also curious about trying the welding shop one day, but woodworking will always be his first love.

With a quiet confidence and a grateful heart, he simply says,

"I'm just thankful that Walking Tall is in my life."

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. James 1:2-3



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# FRIEND RAISER

## 2025

We are deeply grateful to the generous donors who supported us throughout 2025, including those who contributed to our Friend Raiser campaign. Thanks to local businesses, grandparents, alumni, friends and families who believe in our mission, this event made a meaningful impact in our community.

WT continues to face rising costs to maintain our shops, labs, and programs, along with increasing overhead, food expenses, and educational trips that help young men explore future careers. Ongoing donor support is essential, and we sincerely appreciate all current and future contributions that make this work possible.



With a few more checks coming in the mail for the Friend Raiser, we've received \$100,911 towards our Friend Raiser, and we are deeply grateful for every gift.



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