

Cody finds support and success at NAPA.



“It means a great deal to me to have a job,” says Cody. “They’re great folks to work for.” Cody will celebrate 3 years at Napa Auto parts in Freeland this coming December. He works there part-time stocking shelves, unpacking shipments and cleaning up around the shop.

His favorite part of the job are the special projects that he gets to participate in. Last year he shared how he got to help rearrange his boss’s “car barn”. Cody says his boss, Dave, has lots of vintage cars that he rebuilds and sells.

Devon, Cody’s Employment Specialist shared how recently Dave needed help unloading car batteries and asked for Cody’s help. When it was time to leave Cody wasn’t done helping yet and Dave agreed to allow him to stay late and continued to pay him until he finished.

The recent COVID situation hasn’t really impacted his hours or his duties, but it has impacted his transportation. Para-transit had to limit their routes so he has been relying on family to get him to work, then catching the bus on the way home.

Devon says Dave has been really supportive during this time. He was committed to making sure he kept Cody working during the uncertain times.

Devon has been able to safely continue to provide supports to Cody on the job at Napa. She says she’s



seen him be so committed to unpacking deliveries and customer service. She says sometimes he takes a little bit longer to learn some things, but he really has a great memory. She appreciates that Dave and his co-workers are so supportive of him.

Cody says that Devon and the Sherwood team have really helped him during hard times. His mom Amy adds that the team has really helped Cody navigate problem solving when issues come up at work. “They’ve helped me learn how to talk to customers,” adds Cody.

When he’s not working, Cody enjoys maintaining his model railroad, working in the yard, volunteering at WIAF, the local animal shelter, riding his bike and playing water volleyball with the local senior center residents.

His dream is to one day work for a railroad company.

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