



SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Vikings

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HERO Nomination per Amy Jackson:

.....has faced multiple challenges throughout his childhood. Born to a teen mom who had very limited resources and a father with an alcohol addiction, he and his brother were placed into foster care early in their lives. Dealing with the poverty and trauma endured as a youth turned to alcohol early on to cope with his feelings. Choices made while using alcohol led him to do many months in the local juvenile treatment center. Upon his release, swore not to ever return to that environment. After a year of being home his Mom was beaten by her boyfriend and and her were displaced into a shelter until the boyfriend could be apprehended. They soon found out that Mom was pregnant with twins. stayed by her side throughout the pregnancy and helped care for his younger brother as well as the twins once born. In January of 22 Mom allowed her abusive boyfriend to return to the home after his release from prison. packed his bags and moved out. He is currently residing independently through a transitional living program through TYFS. He has weekly counseling and case management. He attends school every morning and works at a local restaurant at night. He plans to eventually enter the military but would like to start his AA degree first since he will only be 17 upon his graduation. He will attend community college here in SLT or possibly in Santa Cruz where he hopes to relocate for a new beginning. is strong, intelligent, and driven. He has been through more than any child should have to go through and I would love to see him offered any additional support we can provide upon enrollment in college.