

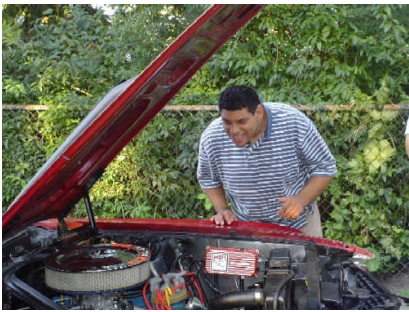


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Life After High School Not Bad for Small Business Owner!

Troy, MI—July 24, 2007-Thomas Detloff and his family, especially his dad, love to work on cars. They fix them up and then go cruisin' around the neighborhood. The Detloffs are very close and do a lot of fun things together.



“We like to travel around. We’ve volunteered at a few places and when Tom decided he wanted to start his own business, I helped him with some of his very first customers,” said sister Katie.

So it wasn’t unusual when Tom was ready to graduate from high school that the whole family gathered around and discussed his future. They talked about what he was going to do when he graduated and what kinds of things interested him, like getting a job or perhaps owning his own business.

“We talked about many different things and starting his own business seemed to really interest Tom,” said mom Cynthia. “So we investigated what it would take to start this kind of small business, we bought a shredder and now, he’s looking for customers.”

Tom’s business called “*Rip to Shreds*” has really been a great experience for him. He travels to his customers offices on a weekly basis, taking care of all of their shredding needs.

“I love my job,” said Tom. “But the best part is, putting my money in the bank!”

Tom is supported by Community Living Services in Oakland County. CLS is a non-profit organization that promotes inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities. CLS is committed to introducing, encouraging, and supporting innovative approaches to income generation for people with disabilities. CLS is dedicated to creative thinking and helping people plan a future that is based on their strengths, interests, and dreams for the future, regardless of the extent of their disability.

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