

## Joey's Story

Hello all,

As many of you know Joey Clark was a young man that used to run the streets of Spokane with his mom 10-12 years ago. His mom is still homeless and on the streets with mental illness. He came to us as a student of mine at the Transition School for the Homeless, collaboration with the YWCA and Spokane Public Schools. My wife and I ended up becoming his foster parents and eventually he became our son. That was almost 11 years ago. Joey always wanted to become a police officer and so his path was tied to the Spokane Police Explorers/FBI Academy/Captain-C.O.P. shop @Lewis & Clark H.S./ Criminal Justice program @ S.C.C. and for the last 3 years the U.S. Navy. The following is an e-mail/pict that we just received from Joey. I believe the picture is of him as he was training to land helicopters. Joey will be turning 24 on Jan 31. We are very proud of what he is learning about life!

Sincerely,

Tim and Kathy Lorentz



Hi mom! Thank you so much for your prayers they are much appreciated. I hope that you and father and the kids are all doing well. I have seen some very depressing things. I have been at the medivac site and seen politics and peoples lazyness kill people. But I also have found that we have saved so many peoples lives. I have learned many things from you guys but one thing that comes to my mind is that you can not leave your mark in this world with statues and fame. Because those things will eventually fade, but to leave your mark on peoples lives is the most important thing. I am living proof of that, lol. But as long as I have giving at least one child a chance at life, or one injured adult another chance at life or at least to show them that people do care I suppose that I am fine. :) thanks again for everything you have done for me. Ttys