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WHAT'S NEXT



## After Graduation - What's next?

### Business Vision

Now that James has completed twelve years of public education, we want to share with you our vision for his future. It's a vision of an **ENGAGED INDIVIDUAL**, a **BETTERED COMMUNITY** and a **SHARED FULFILLMENT** that is centered around James' business, Shredding on the Go. We see these next three years as an important opportunity to prepare James for his next

phase of life. We hope that Cy-Creek will join us in focusing on how to make our vision of James' self-employment business a reality.

This portfolio will:

- 1) report on James' progress
- 2) share our vision for the next three years and
- 3) relate how James' time at school can enhance his potential success (specifically

through his business) once James is in the real world.

**OUR VISION:**  
AN ENGAGED INDIVIDUAL  
A BETTERED COMMUNITY  
A SHARED FULFILLMENT

## Shredding On The Go:

**HOW IT WORKS:** James gets business through networking. Customers either bring their paper to James or he goes to them with shredder in tow. With the help of an assistant, James will shred for hours, then take the shredding with him to be recycled. When James is shredding he is an engaged individual.

James working at the Lanier Law Firm shredding their business documents.



## Summer 2011

James has worked hard this summer taking Shredding on the Go to the next level.

### Business productivity

James shreds 3-4 days a week at home and two different businesses. He works for 1-2 hours at a time shredding 1-2 boxes.

### Business profits

James has earned \$500.00 this summer for 8 different clients. James bills his clients by using an invoice we created on James' i-pad.

### Business Marketing

James has been working on using his iPad to communicate with others about his business. He has also been learning to drive his wheelchair to someone, make eye contact, and pass out his business brochure. A banner has been purchased by DARS to use to promote Shredding on the Go and business cards have been printed.

## VISION EXPANDED

James has used his small business to develop his professional skills and serve a need in the community. James' business benefits both himself and his clients. Through shredding James opens doors into homes and businesses all over Northwest Houston. People know who James is, and that's important to him because he is a young man who enjoys relationships.

larger community. Third, eye contact is a very important skill for James to master, as it allows him to personally connect with others. Finally, once James makes eye contact, he needs to be able to hand out his shredding brochure. This is also something he can work on at school.

James has mastered the ability to shred paper. Now he needs to learn how to use his unique and winning personality to promote his own business because that is the next step to becoming a successful business man.

## SCHOOL FOCUS

Here's how you can help James succeed with his business: First, James will be bringing his iPad to school, so that he can learn to use it to become a better communicator. Second, teaching James to drive his chair safely around others will create opportunities to practice interacting with his school community so that he can learn to engage with the

If James can succeed in his business, it will make his life better by giving purpose to each day. James will have "a job to do" and "people to meet." He will be an "engaged individual" working to better his community. This is our vision, and we are inviting you to share in its fulfillment.

