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*Unveiling My Extraordinary Journey: Navigating Autism with Ambition and Aspirations*

Jarod Falk, a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has overcome many challenges in his life. Diagnosed on the autism spectrum, he refused to let his disability define him as a person. Jarod's determination and resilience have been evident throughout his journey.

For over 10 years, Jarod underwent therapy, which played a crucial role in his personal growth and development. During this time, he discovered his passion for advocating for individuals with disabilities. His internship experience at Oshkosh Corporation provided him with a platform to make a significant impact.

Jarod's initiative led him to create the first-ever Autism Awareness event called "Autism Always Unique." This event garnered immense attention and became one of the most well-attended events of the year. Through his efforts, Jarod successfully raised awareness about autism and fostered a more inclusive environment within his community.

Recognizing the importance of pursuing a career that aligns with his passions and strengths, Jarod made the decision to switch his major from Human Resources to Communication. This change allowed him to tailor his studies to better suit his needs and aspirations.

One of Jarod's ultimate goals is to work his way up to the position of Chief Human Resources Officer in a Fortune 500 company. Despite his major switch, he remains dedicated to pursuing a

career in Human Resources, leveraging his skills and knowledge to create a positive impact in the corporate world.

Beyond his professional aspirations, Jarod envisions a life of prosperity and fulfillment. He dreams of owning a large million-dollar home, boasting 7,000 square feet, with a circular paved driveway in a picturesque neighborhood. Furthermore, he aspires to be an exceptional father, raising well-mannered and well-behaved children who grow up to be outstanding individuals contributing positively to society.

Jarod's passion for advocating for individuals with disabilities extends beyond his personal journey. If given the opportunity, he would change the way universities accommodate students with disabilities. Jarod firmly believes that Universities should be more accommodating as Jarod has received supports from Project Success and the Accessibility Center from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh providing Jarod organizational tutoring and supports in test taking. Jarod is very proud of the supports that he has received from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for his academic growth and encourages all Universities to provide students the supports that the students need.

Looking ahead, Jarod hopes to engage in more speaking opportunities at conferences, as he thoroughly enjoys sharing his experiences and networking with like-minded individuals. These platforms allow him to make a lasting impact and inspire others on their own journeys of personal and professional growth.

Jarod Falk's story is a testament to the power of perseverance, determination, and the refusal to let one's circumstances define them. His unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities serves as an inspiration to us all.