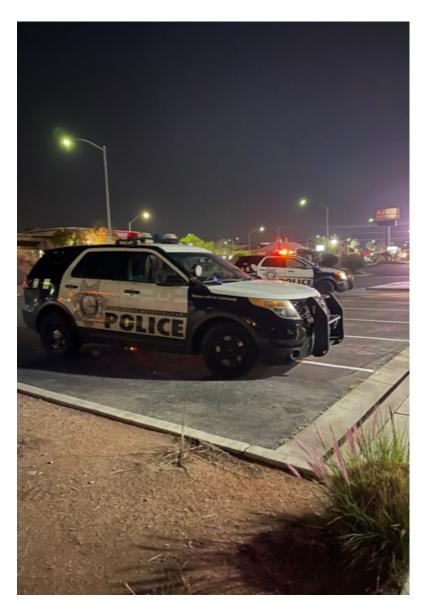
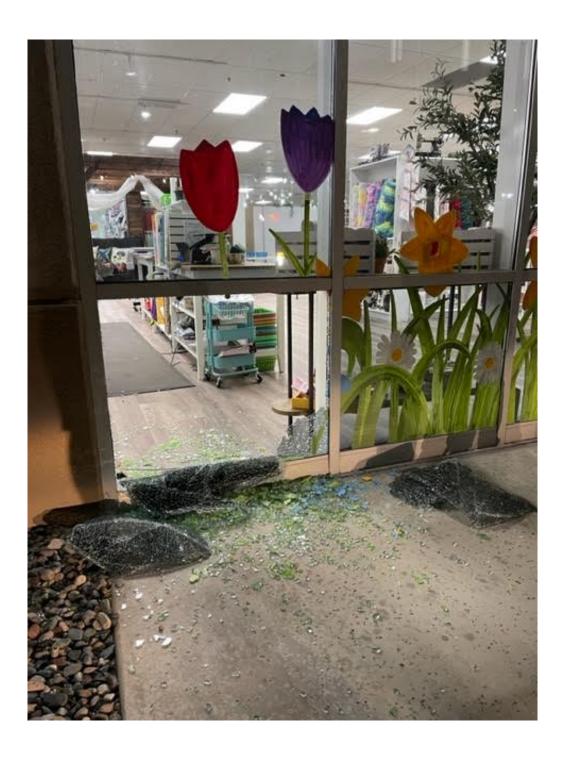
I had one day to get ready to go to New Jersey after returning with Sophie and Unity from Texas last week.

We needed to leave the following morning at 4am to stop by the store before going to the airport. However, the security alarms for the store went off at 2:50 am, and the camera's showed a break in. Brody called the police and headed to the store. He notified Teancum, who let me know we needed to leave as soon as I was ready.



We arrived at the store to find that several other businesses had been broken into as well. The store did not have cash, so next best thing was Brody's one wheel. Brody would have felt better about the cash box, his one wheel made it personal... lol.

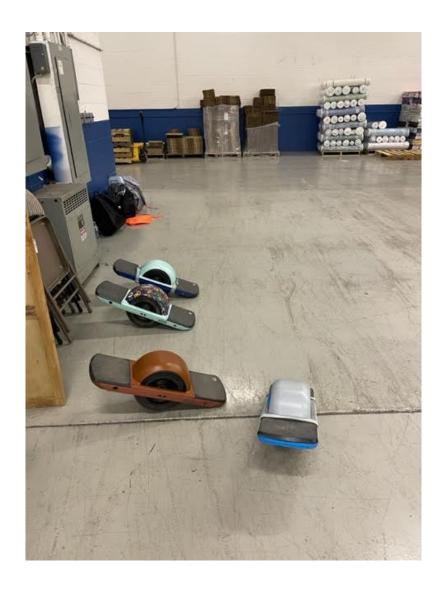


A half hour later, a man was arrested carrying Brody's one wheel down the street and it was returned to him. A forensic team was on the way and the police didn't want the boys to go in the store. Teancum said that that was not possible. We needed equipment out of the store for the Northcott event the following day. An officer walked him in the back and let him get some of the items we needed. No one else was allowed in. Kartor was going to get me a few Sew Yeah shirts for the trip... That didn't happen.

We left for the airport as Brody headed home to get his backpack and try to make the flight. He called Ray and asked him to come to the store and board up the window that was broken out and stay with the police... which he did, arriving with donuts for the police officers! Great Dad!

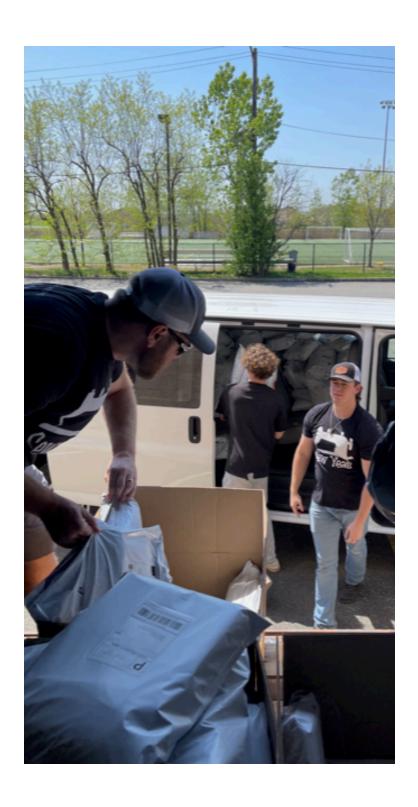
We got to the airport, making really good time only to find the tram to the gates was down. People were all standing around wondering what to do, as we all looked at each other Teancum said "lets go to Terminal 3." Terminal 3 is across the airport and connects via underground walkway with Terminal 1. We turned around, walked out of security and quickly through the airport to the shuttle, getting there just in time to get on it. Brody had called and we told him the problem so we converged together right as the shuttle pulled up. We made our way from the other terminal to our gate and boarded the plane. It just worked out!

So without all the right equipment, me with only one shirt, Brody without a shower and only his backpack... we landed in New Jersey, however all the Onewheels made it!



Immediately upon arriving in NYC we went to Northcott to look at the facility and products for the event. The work started! I actually love to work so I had such a fun week! We worked all day and late into the night everyday. We would go to the Airbnb to sleep for a few hours when no one could keep going! I love working with the kids.

After the event and a flash sale there were many pallets of product to be shipped. However plans changed when Brody found out that the driver for USPS that showed up to take the packages didnt have a scanner to show he had picked up the packages. Then at that point Teancum wouldn't let the USPS worker load and take the packages. Change of plans! Van load after van loads were loaded to take all packages to the post office ourselves!



Kartor and Andy just kept loading!



As I worked with them, I was so grateful that they know how to work. Long hours do not bother them. Having a task to do that is long or hard does not need to be miserable.

The prophet Ezekiel defined iniquity as an "abundance of idleness."

Old Testament Proverbs 19:15

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

Versus...

Book of Mormon Alma 29:15

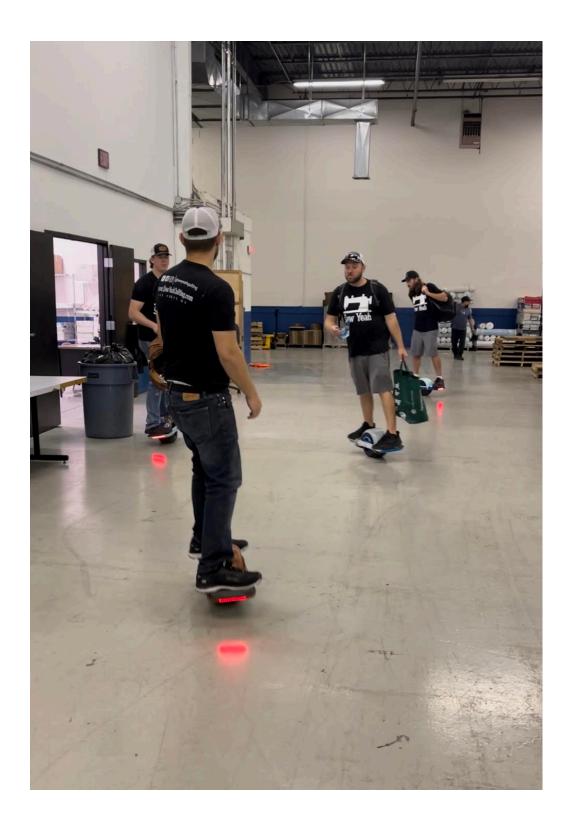
15 Behold they have labored exceedingly, and have brought forth much fruit; and great shall be their reward.

Hard work is a blessing. It is a fundamental principle of salvation, both spiritual and temporal. To be able to work is a blessing. America was founded on hard work. Successful people work and work hard.

Elder David Stanley told a story of a man who volunteered in Florida after a hurricane. The man said "all I did was cut up trees that were blown down by the hurricane." Elder Stanley remarked that "if you use that analogy, cutting up trees was more important than thinking about cutting up trees or planning to cut trees." Today we live in a world full of experts in meetings, thinking, planning, and organizing about work, but we need to do the work!

"If you are poor, work...if you are happy, work. Idleness gives room for doubts and fears. If disappointments come, keep right on working. If sorrow overwhelms you...work... when faith falters and reason fails, just work. When dreams are shattered and hope seems dead, work. No matter what ails you, work. Work faithfully...work is the greatest remedy available for both mental and physical afflictions." (The Forbes Scrapbook of Thoughts on the Business of Life, New York: Forbes Inc, 1968, p 427)

Leaving Northcott...



It is our responsibility to teach our children to work. It is a privilege to be a parent and it comes with a sacred responsibility to teach. Teaching our children to work when they are young benefits their lives forever.

Rayden and Mercy spend at least an hour a day working on their key chains to sale. Each little bead must be placed carefully and in its proper place of their pattern. Cheyenne taught them and encouraged them, but never did the work for them. Teaching a child to work also provides the opportunity to teach money management, Rayden is saving for a 3D printer... that's a lot of key chains.



"If at first you do succeed, try something harder..."