



## **Tannerr Jarrett**

Category: Young Caregiver

**Submitted by staff member and friend Jacqueline, in Erie St. Clair.**

Tannerr is a phenomenal young man. At only 17, he has given of himself and his time to assist his mom to take care of his dad who is palliative.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease (COPD) is a devastating diagnosis as we all know, but this young man has stepped up to ensure that his dad is cared for. Tannerr has had limited social activities over the last 5 years, focusing his time instead on his family, and helping his mom with the day-to-day activities.

Tannerr supports all aspects of his dad's care, from helping with meals, to taking the night shift, staying up to sit with his dad when he can't sleep and is restless due to being air hungry, and is having difficulty breathing. Tannerr walks his dad through the anxiety of the disease.

Tanner also helps his mom around the house by doing the laundry, cleaning, making meals and grocery shopping to assist his parents.

If that was not enough, Tannerr has stopped his after-school sports and activities to work so that he can help his parents financially. At such a young age, Tannerr has made sacrifices to be there for his parents, providing unconditional love and support.