

## Success Stories: Vocational Rehabilitation



# Scott Olsen



### OCCUPATION:

Team member, C-A-L Ranch Stores

### COUNSELORS:

VR Counselor: Sheree Meyer, Southern Utah District  
Benefits Counselor: DJ Bartschi, UWIPS

### VR PROVIDED ASSISTANCE:

- Vocational counseling and guidance
- Individualized Plan for Employment
- Job development and placement
- On-the-job coaching and training
- Benefits counseling

Scott greeted vocational rehabilitation counselor Sheree Meyer with a big smile and a confident, “I’m Scott. I have autism.” This self-assurance, along with his strong self-advocacy and clear life goals, immediately set him apart and became a cornerstone of his success.

Seeking to manage depression and develop coping strategies, Scott requested help finding a therapist. He was also determined to advance beyond his training at Deseret Industries, with a clear ambition to work at C-A-L Ranch Stores. This goal became the driving force behind his Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) and the services VR provided.

Together, Scott and his counselor chose Allies Supported Employment in St. George as his community rehabilitation program (CRP). Through them, he received a work strategy assessment, job development, placement, and on-site job coaching at C-A-L Ranch.

Scott quickly proved to be a valued C-A-L Ranch employee. He’s known for his focus, customer service, and meticulous organization of merchandise—especially boots, his favorite task. His outstanding service has already earned him three gold boot pins,

and he’s approaching his one-year milestone.

His colleagues speak volumes of his impact. “Scott is always smiling. We can’t do it without him. The boot section would never get done,” shared a coworker. Another coworker noted, “He never has a bad word to say and is always willing to help.”

Scott’s mother lauded the vocational rehabilitation experience, saying, “You listened and didn’t rush us. It was a good fit. Scott had time to process and respond.” The family also appreciated benefits specialist DJ Bartschi for expertly navigating SSI, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits.

Scott reaffirms that his favorite task is “straightening boots.” He enjoys his team and often buys matching outfits from the store, which he proudly wears to his vocational rehabilitation appointments. He’s a punctual employee, riding his E-bike to work daily.

While Scott’s achievements are a testament to a collaborative effort—involving USOR staff, his therapist, CRP coach, benefits specialist, and family—it’s his unwavering self-determination and positive attitude that truly define him as “A man with a plan.”