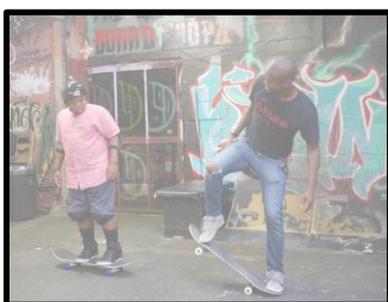




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We first saw Edward (2003) last fall, and since he is still in need of permanency we are giving his skateboarding session some more airtime! Edward is a thoughtful kid who likes football and basketball as well as having an interest in skateboarding. Edward didn't own a skateboard at the time, so that led us to The Garage Board Shop in East Los Angeles where we picked up a board and meet up with actor and skateboarder Emmanuel Howell.



The man behind the counter (and behind all that is The Garage Board Shop) was owner Jerry Carrera, who has been helping and mentoring youth in the community out of the board shop – an urban haven of sorts – for over a decade. Mr. Carrera helped Emmanuel along the way and he and Emmanuel were more than ready to help Edward, starting with helping him build a personalized board.



With helmet and pads fastened, it was off to the indoor skate park on the premises where Edward was shown the basics as well as some more advanced moves. Edward was a little skittish at first but also very determined and with the right amount of encouragement, he was soon pumping his way on ramps that had just the fitting amount of scaffolding for him.



In skateboarding as in life, there are times we all fall. The support of family is often what determines if, when, and how one gets back up and tries again. Our host Emmanuel said to Edward, "If you don't fall, you aren't learning" and that piece of advice can be applied to many areas of life. For the moment, though, Edward was all about learning on the board – including falling, getting back up and trying until he got the hang of it.

Whether on or off wheels, Edward is the kind of person who is willing to go the extra mile for others. Edward is also pretty articulate and verbally expressive. The message we want to bring home right now is that Edward is in need of a permanent home where he will have the nurturing support of a forever family helping ensure he gets back up from falls as he learns to make his way up and down life's rampways. To learn more about Edward and about adoption, catch this week's Wednesday's Child and call **1-866-921-ADOPT (2367)**.