Chaz Kellem

Chaz Kellem, the Manager of Diversity Initiatives with the Pittsburgh Pirates, leads by example to help the community and region in making Pittsburgh a better place to live and work. Chaz was diagnosed with a rare bone disorder at birth, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, which causes the bones to break easily. Even with the obstacles of this bone disorder and the use of a manual wheelchair, Chaz graduated from Edinboro University with a degree in Sports Administration. While at Edinboro, he served as the Vice President of Student Government and worked with young students for three years in Residence Life. In his spare time, Chaz serves on several non-profit boards including the Edinboro Alumni Board, Consumer Health Coalition, UCP Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network. He also serves on state and city committees for the governor and mayor. In addition to his dedication to the region, Chaz also has a passion for adapted sports, in which he not only creates programs but actively participates. He is the coach for a wheelchair basketball team and also plays second base for Pittsburgh’s only wheelchair competitive softball team. Chaz credits his parents with providing inspiration and motivation to achieve his goals. Always motivating him to be the best, Chaz considers his mother to be the rock of the family. Chaz describes his father as an energetic firecracker, always available and encouraging him to work hard and improve his skills.

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Friendship can lift you up, strengthen and empower you, or break you down, weaken and defeat you.

—Sam Davis, co-author of The Pact