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Our Mission

The Friends and Family of Chic Kelly is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of the victims of spinal cord injury. The Friends and Family of Chic Kelly privately funds SCI individuals with educational, physical or medical needs. The Foundation is also committed to finding a cure for spinal cord injury. The organization makes annual donations to spinal cord research institutions. The foundation depends completely on volunteers to carry out its mission



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Finding a Cure
and
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Chic's Bio

Chic was born on March 13th, 1970 and grew up in East Norriton, PA. He has two brothers, Tim & Mike and one sister, Kate. Chic participated in several sports in high school including soccer, golf, and cross-country. His true love was the sport he started as a youngster, ice hockey.

Chic attended Malvern Prep where he played Varsity Hockey all four years. He also played on several club and traveling hockey teams. The relationships with teammates, friends and parents that developed through these years were irreplaceable. Many of these people became like extended family members. Chic received an academic scholarship to Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. After graduating high school in June 1988, Chic left home in September with traditional aspirations of a college student.

However, Chic also entertained hopes of playing collegiate hockey for Merrimack. After successfully walking on to Merrimack's hockey team, Chic's life took a dramatic turn at practice on the afternoon of November 3, 1988. While participating in a routine shooting drill, Chic was tripped and crashed head-first into the boards. At that moment he knew that life would never be the same.

The injury left Chic a C-5 Quadriplegic. His stay at Jefferson Hospital and Magee Rehab lasted a total of eight months. The support that he received from his friends and family during those arduous times will always be remembered.

Chic's spinal cord injury may have altered his plans, but has not kept him from experiencing life to its fullest. After leaving Magee Rehab in late June of 1989, Chic reentered College at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. Again, with the help of family and friends Chic successfully finished St. Joe's in May 1993, earning a BA in Economics and Philosophy.

After receiving encouragement from his brother Mike, Chic started teaching Theology and Philosophy at his high school alma mater, Malvern Prep in the fall of 1994. Chic continued his own academic career at the same time and graduated with his MBA in Finance from Villanova University in May 2002.

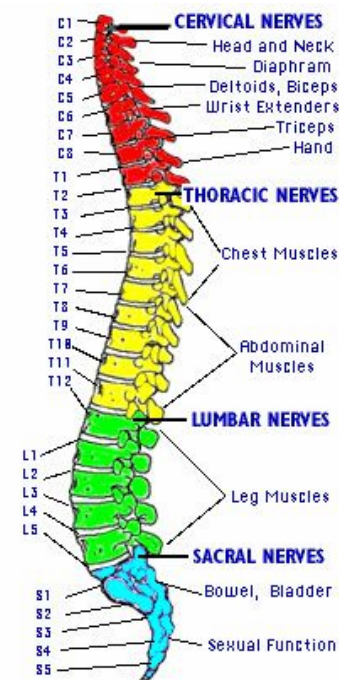
Chic enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is still an avid sports fan. The St. Joe's Hawks, the Philadelphia Phillies and the Pittsburgh Penguins are among his favorite teams. Chic loves to work out and continues to rehab and strengthen under the guidance and encouragement of his good friend and trainer Jim Gorman at Summit Sports Training Center. During the summertime Chic relaxes in Avalon with his brothers, sister and friends. Chic was honored at Malvern by having his old Hockey Jersey #23 retired at Homecoming in October of 2001.



In 1999 the Friends and Family of Chic Kelly was established for two reasons; The foundation seeks to raise money in pursuit of a cure for spinal cord injury. At present, there is no cure for individuals who sustain a spinal cord injury. The second goal of our organization is to assist individuals living with spinal cord injury who lack the necessary funds to carry out daily living activities.

In September of 2000, FFCK hosted its first annual fundraising event. The fundraiser consisted of a silent auction accompanied with food and beverage. Some auction items included; a three day golf excursion to Cape Cod, a set of Calloway irons, and various sports memorabilia and gift baskets. In similar fashion, FFCK sponsored a fundraiser in September of 2001.

FFCK Foundation



The number of people in the United States who are alive today and who have SCI has been estimated to be between 183,000 and 230,000 persons. Although there is no cure for spinal cord injury yet, new advances in the search for an SCI cure are being made every day. Continued funding is critical to expand the latest developments in SCI research. Along with the emotional and physical challenges of Spinal Cord Injury, financing healthcare will be an ongoing concern. The cost of health care and other disability-related expenses is extremely high.