

Kevin McHale was born with Cerebral Palsy. Kevin McHale is a lifelong volunteer.

Some people don't let anything stop them and Kevin is one of those people. Loving sports but being physically unable to participate didn't stop Kevin from being involved on his high school football and baseball teams. Kevin served as team manager and was a part of every team at Cumberland High School from 1980 through 1985.

After graduation Kevin remained involved in the Cumberland High School sports program. He served as a volunteer assistant coach for both the baseball and football teams. Volunteering his time had become a way of life!

Upon completion of a course in child care at Community College of Rhode Island in 1989, Kevin began to help out at a local day care center, Cumberland Kindergarten Schools OUT. He loved children and they responded to Kevin's fun loving nature and sense of humor. Kevin remained as a volunteer at the center for 2 years.

In 1991 Kevin moved into his own apartment. He began to get support services from the ARC of Northern Rhode Island. He also found his niche in the self advocacy movement. Kevin was instrumental in organizing Advocates in Action, Rhode Island's statewide self advocacy organization. His many long hours on the phone arranging meetings, finding meeting locations and getting people together was invaluable to the success of Advocates in Action. He became the first volunteer coordinator for that organization in 1996 and remains in that position today.

In 1996 Kevin was asked to serve on the board of directors at the ARC of Northern Rhode Island. He did so and became the Second Vice President of that organization. In June of 2005 Kevin began his tenure as Vice President to that Board. No small accomplishment! Kevin is the first person with developmental disabilities to serve in that capacity at the ARC of Northern Rhode Island.