



The Takeoff- February 2020

“Inspiration” is defined as the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something.

Inspiration is what has come to me through the loss of Zach. Always being close to his parents and being asked to become a part of the Board of Directors has allowed me to know Zach so much better than I did. Learning of his wonderful traits, drive and passion has inspired me to live my life more like Zach lived his.

I met Zach when he was very young. He and our son were very close in age and both had the love of sports so it was fun to watch them play together when our families got together. Although hockey was Zach’s first love, he picked up the game of lacrosse and shared that particular interest with our son Aj.

Zach was a patient listener and always had that sweet smile across his face when we would visit with him.

I am grateful for the fall of 2017 when Zach got delayed in Colorado due to Hurricane Irma. We had asked John and Patsy to join us for a stay in the mountains. Due to the delay Zach was able to join us. It was Oktoberfest in Breckenridge, Colorado and Zach and I decided it would be fun to share beer, stories and more beer. It was one of the first times I really got to visit with him one and one and I will value that time forever.

While we have all experienced the loss of Zach in our own way, one thing is for certain. He has created a legacy. He has brought a group of family and friends together who will spend the rest of our lives honoring him, his passion for flying and offering the opportunity for others to do the same. He has allowed us to get together on a regular basis to be there in support of one another and especially in support of John and Patsy. I will stay true to my commitment to Zach in doing this. While our efforts cannot bring him back, we will live by his inspiration and keep his spirit alive.

Rest easy Zach.

Michelle & Ron Colaizzi
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