

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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EMPLOYEE TENURE: 29 years

PREVIOUS WORK: Saving lives, specifically of premature babies, as an EMS driver. I transported over 433 preemies to Duke, Greenville, and Chapel Hill in the 9.5 years I worked in EMS.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR LIFE: My grandparents.

FAVORITE SAYING: “If you dig a ditch, you should be the best ditch digger you can be.” And I believe if you start something, you finish it.

BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE TO SHARE: Grandma always reminded me that today could be my last day on earth. She said, “Don’t have your life down on earth always be upset or sad. Treat each day like it could be your last.” This is my philosophy, and this is why I never have a bad day. I get everything a day can give me.

FUN ACCOMPLISHMENTS: MVP in football, track, and basketball as a high school kid. Went all the way to the Junior Olympics in track. Won the bus rodeo as a bus driver in high school.

SKILLS THAT HELP YOU DO YOUR JOB BETTER AT CBC: Strong negotiator and highly competitive spirit.



FAVORITE CBC STORY: 20 years ago I was on a sales call out at a military base in NC, and my computer broke down mid-way through the call. I had to handwrite the sales ticket, and as you can imagine, this process took a long time and I was extremely frustrated. I got a phone call from the office that said Mr. Nunnelee himself was going to bring me a computer to the military base. I was just a salesman and he was the owner of the company, and I couldn’t believe he would do that for me. When he arrived, I told him that I was planning to quit when I got back to the office that day, but since he had done that for me, I had changed my mind. That was the day I was locked in. And I have never looked back.

SECRET TO YOUR SUCCESS WITH YOUR CUSTOMERS: I treat them like family every day. I always tell them, “We’re in it together.” And they trust me because of this.

DESCRIBE YOURSELF: I’m honest. I’m straight up. And I’m fair. And I’m funny. Most of the time.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: My wife is from Trinidad, and we have a daughter Carissa and step-daughter Amanda. My wife is my rock. It takes a special person to support this type of career and the hours I work. She understands my commitment and always has.

WHAT ARE YOU PROUD OF: My daughter. At the last parent-teacher conference, her teachers told me that she is the best student in the school. That makes me proud. She has an old soul and always reminds me of my grandmother.

FUTURE PLANS: My grandfather asked me to promise him something when he died. He said, “promise me you won’t work your whole life. Enjoy life. Retire at 60.” I plan on making that happen and honoring my promise.

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