

CARLISLE COMMUNITY CHAMPION



Employee Spotlight:
Jackie Lithgow,
Product Label Coordinator

A “Carlisle Community Champion” is an employee who goes above and beyond – not only in their professional career, but also in making positive

changes to the community where they live and work. These individuals are hardworking, enthusiastic, and driven to support those around them no matter the circumstances. Jackie Lithgow, a Product Label Coordinator at Carlisle Construction Materials, is a prime example of an employee who is a Carlisle Community Champion. This is his story.

In 2014, Jackie was a college student attending Bloomsburg University. He enjoyed all the things any other college student does: hanging out with friends and family, watching sporting events, grabbing a bite to eat on campus, etc. He was happy, healthy, and always lived his life to the fullest. Little did Jackie know that his life was going to change forever.

On February 23, 2014, Jackie was off campus with a few of his friends when a fight broke out. As soon as Jackie realized the severity of the situation, he quickly left the scene and rushed outside to find safety. Unfortunately, he found one of his friends being assaulted instead. Without hesitation, Jackie interfered to help his friend in hopes that he could be a peacemaker. In the process, Jackie was punched in the head, causing him to fall, hit the pavement, fracture his skull, and knock him unconscious.

The police arrived and were quick to call Life Flight for

Jackie. He was admitted into Geisinger Hospital and was in a coma for 15 days. When he woke, Jackie discovered that he had lost many of his basic abilities. “All of the things a baby learns to do for the first time are the things I needed to re-learn,” Jackie says. He could not walk, talk, swallow, and in the worst case, breathe. The only thing that stayed the same was Jackie’s heart and determination to recover. “My parents knew my soul was alive even if I couldn’t do the things I used to be able to do.”

Jackie was transferred to Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia where he underwent six months of inpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy. After his time

at Magee, he was sent home to continue his rehabilitation process through outpatient care for a year. “I had come to the realization that this was my new life. This is Jackie 2.0, and I was okay with that.”

Throughout Jackie’s entire rehabilitation process, he had one goal in mind – to finish his college degree. After many months of intensive care, Jackie returned to Bloomsburg University in the spring of 2016. He began his first semester back with one class. Then, every semester, he would add





another class to his schedule until he was finally taking three to four classes at a time. After what felt like forever, Jackie and his family were excited to announce that in May 2021, he graduated with a BA in Mass Communications.

Jackie had many people who were there with him on his road to recovery. While Jackie was in the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, his friends decided to come together and start the Golf 'Fore' Jackie tournament to help raise funds for Jackie's medical expenses. "It was breathtaking to see the amount of love and support I had gotten. I will truly be forever grateful," Jackie says. The tournament still takes place annually at the Range End Golf Club in Dillsburg. All of the proceeds raised now go toward the work of the Jackie Lithgow Foundation.

Jackie realized that some patients at the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital were not as fortunate to have the same support system that he had. In an effort to help those who were also struggling with traumatic brain injuries, the Jackie Lithgow Foundation (lithgowfoundation.org) was established in 2018 "to provide support to other survivors of traumatic brain injuries, through financial, educational, and emotional support, as well as research and program development, focused on, but not limited to, Central Pennsylvania". In particular, the foundation has raised \$75,000 for the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital and has helped many patients in need.

Today, Jackie actively shares his story in hopes that it will inspire others to support those who suffer from traumatic brain injuries. He also aims to inspire the current Magee Rehabilitation Hospital patients to continue powering through their treatment. "If I inspire even just one person, it makes it all worth it to me," says Jackie.

Product Label Manager, Tim Corby, says, "Aligning with CCM's culture, Jackie's willingness to accept new challenges and opportunities positively affects those around him. He facilitates the revision and approval processes for CCM product labels. He has been instrumental in the cleanup of membrane product labels within SAP's zLabel table while coordinating several label conversion projects. Jackie also assists in day-to-day tasks at IMC's Print Shop. I am proud of the work that he does for our company and even more proud to call him my friend."

Carlisle Construction Materials is incredibly thankful to have Jackie as a member of our team and we are so proud of his many accomplishments for CCM and for his community.



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