

It's A Runner's World



“Chad has been the anchor in our family. We realized early on what was important, and Chad has kept us grounded...Chad's running has kept us in the race and has shown by example what is important in life.”

Those are the words used by Chad Elkovitch's family when they nominated him for the second annual *Runner's World* magazine cover search. The nationwide contest attracted more than 1,600 entrants, and Chad

placed in the final top 100!

Chad (on the right) has been a runner since he was ten years old. As a baby, he suffered seizures which left him learning disabled and unable to compete in other sports. A solo sport, running has become a big part of Chad's life, and he participates in 10-12 races a year.

“Chad loves running, and we are goal-oriented people,” said Chad's father David of Skaneateles. “He has trained and trained, and enters regular races with everyday people. His running gives him a lot of self-esteem and confidence.”

Chad, now 39, has received Unity Employment Services for 18 years, holding down a job in Auburn Community Hospital's dish room the entire time. There, he works 16-25 hours per week, helping train new people, prepping food trays, and actually cleaning the dishwasher!