

## **NC State Wheelchair Fan Assisted by NCAMES Member**

After the NC State - Duke game on Saturday, Will Privette, an NC State fan decided to storm the court after the big win.....in his wheelchair.

He admits it was a "stupid thing to do but it was so much fun." In all the excitement, he was knocked from his chair, only to be quickly rescued by NC State star, C.J. Leslie. In all the activity, his chair was damaged. Fortunately for Privette, Carly Dressen also came to the rescue. Her dad, Ed Dressen (NCAMES President), owns **Dressen Medical** in Holly Springs and went to Privette's house on a Sunday afternoon to make his chair as good as new. Privette remarked repeatedly about the generosity of Mr. Dressen and the fact that he did it for FREE and on a SUNDAY. "It's amazing how great he was to bring me a new chair back...for free! It makes me happy that the media has picked up on his generosity and featured him in this story."

In a story by NBC-17, Dressen says, "That's just what we do in this business. We are Home Medical Equipment providers and we take care of people in need." Privette also owns a wheelchair van furnished by NCAMES Bronze Sponsor, **Van Products** of Raleigh. Mark Strand of Van Products has assisted Privette since he was 16 years old with his "first car"...a van he could drive. Privette admits that it's company's products like these that allow him the mobility and freedom to go anywhere and do anything.

Beth Bowen, executive director of NCAMES says, "Certainly, those words of generosity and unselfishness are no surprise to many other providers across the country...providers are there to serve those in need. We need Congress to understand how valuable an asset these providers really are and protect these HME businesses that are a solution to health care."

Privette has been inundated with media requests and twitter followers (@Thrill21) since the event and NCAMES has invited him to speak at the Winter Meeting in Raleigh Feb 12-13. Register today at [www.ncames.org](http://www.ncames.org).