## **Chad Roger Brown**

Chad Roger Brown was born (December 9, 1971) in Gastonia, N.C. He was born there the son of former pitcher of the Pittsburgh Pirates Roger Brown and Roxie Brown. Chad also is a member of Flint Groves Baptist Church. He played high school baseball at North Gaston High School (1990) where he was a top prospect and earned USA Today All-American Honors as well as All State.

Taken in the Major League draft by the Cleveland Indians, Chad turned down there offer to attend school at North Greenville University. In 1992 Chad was selected by the Toronto Blue Jays and signed his first professional contract, later that year the Blue Jays won back to back World Series. He went onto play 8 seasons with the Blue Jays until later moving over to the Pittsburgh Pirates for 3 years. His was 2nd in the Rolaids relief award standings in 1993. The same year he was tabbed in the book Small Town Hero's. He also played winter ball for teams in Maui, Hawaii; Caguas, Puerto Rico.

Chad now resides in Stanley, N.C. where he is the Mayor. He lives there with his wife Caroline, daughter Chandler (3) and son Luke (1month). Making a difference in people's lives has always been one of life's goals. I cherish every moment I get to influence a child's life or help the elderly. Chad's goals are to one day be Governor or Senator of North Carolina.