Exploring The Resources And Supports of the Paralysis Resource Center
Today’s Care. Tomorrow’s Cure.®

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy.
Over 5.3 million Americans are Living with Paralysis

- Stroke: 34% (1,804,850 Americans)
- Spinal Cord Injury: 27% (1,462,220 Americans)
- Multiple Sclerosis: 19% (999,080 Americans)
- Cerebral Palsy: 8% (44,880 Americans)

2013 Paralysis Surveillance Survey of the General Population
Today’s Care: Paralysis Resource Center

“\textit{We created the Paralysis Resource Center to help people navigate the chaos of paralysis with reliable information, referral services, and a message of hope.}”

- Dana Reeve
Information Services

Information Specialists provide support and answer paralysis related questions.

Set up an appointment or ask a question online at:
https://www.christopherreeve.org/get-support/ask-us-anything

Call us at:
1-800-539-7309

Email us at:
InfoSpecialist@ChristopherReeve.org
Free Materials & Resources

Books

Wallet Cards

Fact Sheets

Publications
Military & Veteran Program

MVP

- Injury doesn’t need to be combat-related
- Supports all military services members—no matter what era they served in
- Information & referral services tailored for Military and Veteran population
Online Community

On-demand videos
Paralysis-related blogs and webcasts
Facebook, Twitter, and online forums
Monthly web chats

Free social networking platform dedicated to the paralysis community
National Lending Library

- 5000+ books & videos available on paralysis – related subjects
- Free book/video loan with free mailing and return postage
- Interlibrary loans state-wide and nationally
- Online catalog and children’s catalog @ Reeve Website
Peer & Family Support Program

- National Peer Mentoring Program
- Support for people living with paralysis, families & caregivers
- Matched to people with similar experiences
- Mentors are trained & experts in local resources
- Local ambassador program at Level I Trauma Centers
Reeve Community Education Program

- Educational training
- Seminars
- Web-based learning opportunities

Upcoming events:
www.ChristopherReeve.org/Newsletter
www.ChristopherReeve.org/Events
Advocacy and Education

Building coalitions with disability organizations

Sharing advocacy stories with Congress

Informing policymakers on paralysis issues

Improving existing policy

Analyzing new policy proposals

ChristopherReeve.org/get-involved
Quality of Life Grants Program

• Funds nonprofit initiatives that support people living with paralysis in all 50 states

QoL

Impact

• Over $22 million awarded through QoL Grants
Quality of Life Grants Program

ABCs of Quality of Life

Actively Achieving
- Promote active participation in communities
- Sports, arts, employment, accessible playgrounds, hiking trails

Bridging Barriers
- Create solutions to barriers to independence at home & in communities
- Accessibility modifications, ramps, assistive technology, durable medical equipment, transportation, advocacy

Caring & Coping
- Maximize wellness & independence through community engagement
- Support groups, consumer education, injury prevention, caregiver, respite
Quality of Life Grants Program
2017 Quality of Life Grants

122 Grants in 4 Categories Totaling $1.2 Million

- 90 Quality of Life Grants totaling $809,291
- 19 Respite Care Grants awarded in 16 states totaling $160,875
- 7 Nursing Home Transition Grants totaling $280,000
- 7 High Impact Assistive Technology (HIAT) Grants totaling $520,996
Quality of Life Grants Program
2017 Respite Care Grants

• 19 Respite Care Grants up to $10,000 each
  – Awarded in 16 states totaling $160,875

• Types of Respite Care Services Supported
  – Emergency Respite
  – Episodic In-Home Respite
  – Episodic Center-Based Respite
  – ALS-specific and paralysis-specific programs
  – Children and adult age-specific services
  – Night respite
Quality of Life Grants Program
2018 Quality of Life Grants

Changing Structure of Grants Process – Not Changing What We Fund
✓ Simplifying and streamlining application process
✓ Creating funding tiers
✓ Increasing maximum request amount
✓ Respite Care priority funding area in 2018

For More Information go to: www.ChristopherReeve.org/QOL
✓ Quality of Life Grant Applications Open January 2018
✓ Decisions announced by May 31, 2018
✓ Questions? Email: QoL@ChristopherReeve.org
Nothing of any consequence happens unless people get behind an idea. It begins with an individual and they share the idea with more individuals…and eventually, it becomes a movement.

-Christopher Reeve
Contact Us!

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