To help generate awareness and inspire support for spinal cord injury and paralysis, a 115-square foot display window at 10 Rockefeller Plaza prominently featured Christopher Reeve’s empty wheelchair. Created pro-bono by BBDO New York in space donated by EHE International, the display ran throughout September in honor of Christopher’s birthday and Spinal Cord Injury Awareness month. Subsequently, Reeve Foundation board members Mark Pollock and Simone George helped bring Christopher’s wheelchair to the Fail Better Exhibition at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

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Think about your favorite jigsaw puzzle—and the familiar rush of excitement each time you fit a piece. First, you build the border to give the puzzle structure. Then, internal sections come together, creating direction and definition. Piece by piece, a clear image begins to emerge.

The Reeve Foundation works much the same way.

Years ago, our foundation, our border was built—to help people living with paralysis—and we set a solid framework for the future—curing spinal cord injury and improving quality of life.

Then we started to fill in the pieces.

Groundbreaking research and the Paralysis Resource Center emerged as large internal sections of the puzzle. Pieces came together for advocacy and Quality of Life grants to support our community and build resources. Other sections formed, like Team Reeve® and A Magical Evening, focused on raising the necessary funds to do this important work.

This year, two big sections came together with the launch of Team LeGrand in partnership with the Reeve Foundation. With the addition of new clinical trials as well as scientific and rehabilitation centers, our research puzzle grew.

But just like your favorite puzzle, these major initiatives and accomplishments can only be achieved by adding one piece at a time.

And every piece—every person—makes a difference.

Behind each and every program, event or discovery are people. People like Epidural Stimulation study participant Rob Summers, advocate and activist Jennifer Longdon or Team Reeve® and Champions Committee member Alyson Donnelly and her brother Jonathan. (All of whom you’ll meet in this report.)

People like YOU.

In the nearly 10 years since Christopher’s passing, thousands and thousands of people have added their time and talents to our common goal to make life better for the 5.6 million Americans living with paralysis.

Who will add the final puzzle piece? It could be you. Join us today.

There’s no question that excitement about reaching the end is starting to build. With each new piece of the puzzle, we fill in an important link, and an image of life without paralysis begins to emerge.
I don’t think I could have done this project in any other context than in the Consortium,” says Dr. Ariel Levine in the San Diego lab with Dr. Samuel Pfaff.

Ariel Levine, an M.D., Ph.D. postdoctoral fellow at the Salk Institute, and her mentor, Samuel Pfaff, Ph.D., published the results of a Consortium-funded project in Nature Neuroscience, titled “Identification of a cellular node for motor control pathways.”

The complicated molecular biology study identified cellular networks called motor synergy encoders (MSE) in the spinal cord that automate certain motor activities and behaviors. The clinical implications of this novel finding are quite profound. Much more investigation lies ahead, but Dr. Levine posits that MSE cells may, one day, be targeted to facilitate specific movements in patients with spinal cord injury.

The Reeve International Research Consortium on Spinal Cord Injury’s mission is to promote collaborative research that focuses on structural repair and functional recovery in the injured spinal cord and to train the next generation of spinal cord scientists in a culture of collaborative thinking and researching.

To learn more, visit ChristopherReeve.org/research

International Research Consortium on Spinal Cord Injury

Four young men who have been paralyzed for years achieved groundbreaking progress—moving their legs—as a result of epidural stimulation of the spinal cord. This research builds on an initial study, published in the May 2011 edition of The Lancet, which evaluated the effects of epidural stimulation in the first participant, Rob Summers, who recovered a number of motor functions as a result of the intervention.

What is truly revolutionary is that the second, third and fourth participants were able to execute voluntary movements immediately following the implantation and activation of the stimulator. In April 2014, the key findings were documented in the medical journal Brain by an international team of life scientists at the University of Louisville, UCLA and the Pavlov Institute of Physiology.

“Two of the four subjects were initially diagnosed as motor and sensory complete injured with no chance of recovery at all,” says Claudia Angeli, Ph.D., senior researcher, lead author and assistant professor, University of Louisville’s Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center. “Because of epidural stimulation, they can now voluntarily move their hips, ankles and toes. This is groundbreaking for the entire field and offers a new outlook that the spinal cord, even after a severe injury, has great potential for functional recovery.”

To learn more, visit ChristopherReeve.org/Epi

Epidural Stimulation: Unprecedented Breakthrough

The pioneers of epidural stimulation: Andrew Meas, Dustin Shillcox, Kent Stephenson and Rob Summers
In 2013, dozens of new patients and one new clinical center joined the NRN, a cooperative network of cutting-edge rehabilitation centers designed to develop and provide therapies to promote functional recovery and improve the health and quality of life for people living with paralysis. The new center is at Craig Hospital in Englewood, CO. Read one of many incredible NRN success stories on page 13.

To learn more, visit ChristopherReeve.org/NRN

Reeve Foundation North American Clinical Trials Network® (NATCN)

The United States Department of Defense awarded a two-year, $2 million grant to NACTN, a consortium of university hospital neurosurgical and neurorehabilitation teams to bring promising therapies into clinical trials. The grant will enable NACTN to participate in a Phase II/III efficacy trial of Riluzole, a neuroprotective drug that is the only FDA-approved drug used in the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Laboratory studies have shown it to be effective in limiting acute traumatic damage to the spinal cord.

In 2013, Stanford University joined NACTN as the network’s first west coast site. NACTN Principal Investigator Dr. Graham Creasey and his colleagues at Stanford recently launched a relatively new SCI Injury and Repair program, and the potential for this to bring value-added to NACTN’s work is exciting.

To learn more and for a list of NACTN centers, visit ChristopherReeve.org/NACTN

PASSING THE TORCH: HANK STIFEL

When Henry Stifel was spinal cord injured almost 30 years ago, his father Hank brought friends and family together to form a foundation to support spinal cord research. Several years later, the Stifel Paralysis Research Foundation joined with the American Paralysis Association, and Stifel became President. Stifel’s belief in the power of collaboration helped launch the International Research Consortium on Spinal Cord Injury in 1995, the first of its kind in the spinal cord field. Stifel reached out to Christopher and Dana Reeve and in 1999, the Reeve Foundation was born. Stifel served many years as chairman of the Reeve Foundation board. In 2013, we lost this visionary leader whose passion and dedication shaped the early years of what was then a nascent field and changed the trajectory of many lives.

REMEMBERING JON O’CONNOR

After sustaining a spinal cord injury in a diving accident in 2001, Jon O’Connor couldn’t find the progressive post-injury rehabilitation and treatments he needed in his hometown. So he created NextSteps Chicago, the first non-profit exercise facility devoted to the rehabilitation and overall wellness of the Chicagoland paralysis community. In July 2013, O’Connor passed away as the result of complications from his paralysis. A member of the Reeve Foundation Board of Directors and the Director of NextSteps Fitness in Chicago, now a Reeve Foundation NRN Community Fitness and Wellness Center, O’Connor was a dear friend and advocate who is greatly missed. O’Connor is pictured here with his sister, Kelly Heneghan, also a Reeve Foundation board member.

HONORING ARNIE SNIDER

A visionary leader, passionate humanitarian and dear Reeve Foundation friend, Arnie Snider passed away in January 2014. Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Snider generously gave his time, his resources, and his heart to the Reeve Foundation. A unique advocate with no personal connection to spinal cord injury, Snider was driven by his belief in research and helped pioneer many new initiatives such as epidural stimulation. “Beyond committing his time and effort to grow the organization, he also acted as a ‘North Star’—a compass to keep us moving forward,” says Reeve Foundation President and CEO Peter Wilderotter. “And due to his direction and unwavering courage, we are on the cusp of advancing the care of paralysis and discovering cures for spinal cord injury. His legacy will live on through our work and achievements.”
Christopher Reeve once said, “Once you choose hope, anything’s possible.” Thanks to Christopher and Dana Reeve’s incredible vision, the Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) offers a unique place for people living with paralysis as well as those who care for them to come together for hope and support.

Here each day, you’ll find complimentary paralysis information and resources unlike anywhere else in the world.

Paralysis Resource Guide — New, easily downloadable version

Fully redesigned and updated with more than 100 new pages, the latest edition of the Paralysis Resource Guide (PRG) includes key changes in benefits under the Affordable Care Act and a new chapter for military service members and veterans resources. Professional photographer and Reeve Foundation Ambassador Christopher Voelker contributed two portrait galleries of paralysis community members. “The community living with disabilities is diverse and unique,” says Voelker, who has been living with paralysis since he was 16 years old. “These are not helpless victims, but vivacious and free-thinking individuals.”

In 2013, the Reeve Foundation also produced a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) wallet card, the second in a series of portable health care information cards. With emergency treatment guidelines and patient baseline information, the cards address the critical secondary conditions that can be life-threatening to a person living with a spinal cord injury.

Download your free PRG from Amazon for Kindle, iTunes for iPhones or iPads, or at Paralysis.org

Download your free DVT or Autonomic Dysreflexia (AD) wallet card at Paralysis.org

Mindfulness for Caregivers Conference

In November 2013, 200 caregivers—friends, family and professionals—who provide care for people living with paralysis and other mobility disabilities came together in Philadelphia for a day of sharing and support. Featuring psychologist Dr. Dan Gottlieb and Dr. Michael J. Baime, Director of the Penn Program for Mindfulness at the University of Pennsylvania Health System, the conference was hosted in partnership with Inglis, a Philadelphia organization committed to helping people with disabilities. Caregivers learned techniques to reduce stress and find more balance and compassion for themselves. Through connecting with other caregivers, a powerful network of new relationships and resources was formed.

To learn more, visit Paralysis.org

“We When I spoke with Donna, I immediately realized that there are people ready and willing to support me. What she does is remarkable—people like me need people like her.”

When Kim Carpenter was spinal cord injured in 2010, she found tremendous support in Reeve Foundation Information Specialist Donna Lowich and the Paralysis Resource Guide which she calls her “Bible.” Read their story and other life-changing profiles on page 13.

The PRC is now funded through the Administration for Community Living (ACL). With ACL’s support, the PRC will be able to evolve and expand current programs to reach a wider network across the country and raise critical awareness and support for programs that benefit individuals living with paralysis.
Quality of Life Grants

Happy, healthy, more independent lives for people living with paralysis. That’s the goal of the Quality of Life Grants program. Since inception, the QoL program has awarded 2,380 grants, totaling over $17.6 million. Here are just a few of the year’s highlights:

In 2013, the Foundation awarded six grants totaling more than $43,000 to support snow skiing for people with spinal cord injuries. The equipment purchased is labeled with the Reeve Foundation logo and offers a “life-changing experience” according to program participants.

Hesperian Foundation ~ Berkeley, CA
$8,109 for Education

To expand the availability and reach of Hesperian’s Spanish language resources supporting women with paralysis and other disabilities, this grant provides programing support for Spanish language content in a flexible digital format that enables users to customize disability and health materials for their specific situations and for cultural relevance.

United Cerebral Palsy-Wheels for Humanity
North Hollywood, CA
$7,352 for Medical Equipment

Wheelchair providers in the United States will be taught how to properly train providers in developing countries on how to custom fit wheelchairs for people with disabilities according to each individual’s specific needs using World Health Organization guidelines.

Deep & Beyond ~ Kailua-Kona, HI
$7,300 for Adaptive Sports

To overcome Hawaii’s rocky coasts and cultural perceptions regarding people with disabilities, the Snorkel Days initiative will provide specialized equipment for individuals with mobility impairments to enjoy free snorkeling opportunities.

REDEFINING THE JOY OF GIVING

Sandy and Hal Henderson knew something had to change. The busy holiday season had transformed from a time of peace and joy to a stressful, wild rush to gather gifts.

“Christmas was no longer what we wanted it to be,” says Sandy Henderson. “The true spirit of the season was lost in trips to the mall. We wanted the season to center around friends and family enjoying puzzles, music and time together.”

So the Hendersons decided to make charitable contributions in honor of their friends and family members instead of giving gifts. “The first year, the rest of the family continued to exchange gifts,” says Sandy Henderson. “But by the second year, our family bought into the idea and started to give to charities as well.”

Deciding which causes to give to was also a family affair. When the Hendersons began this tradition more than 17 years ago, their teenage son asked his parents to include the Reeve Foundation. Their son is now a physical therapist and remains passionate about helping people with paralysis.

“We have enjoyed working with the Reeve Foundation and seeing all the encouraging work they have done,” says Sandy Henderson. “Over the years, we’ve added new causes when something touches our lives, but the Reeve Foundation remains a special group on our list.”

Celebrate a special occasion or memorialize someone you admire in a meaningful way by making a tribute gift in their honor. To learn more, contact (973) 379-2690 x7114 or donations@ChristopherReeve.org

To learn more, visit ChristopherReeve.org/QOL
Eric LeGrand visited Washington, DC on behalf of the Reeve Foundation in July 2013 to meet with Members of Congress and President Obama’s Administration to talk about the importance of funding for the Paralysis Resource Center (PRC). In addition to meetings with Senior Advisor to President Obama, Valerie Jarrett, and the Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee, LeGrand shared his story with Congressional disability champions Jon Runyan (NJ-3), Jim Langevin (RI-2), and the late Bill Young (FL-13).

Congressmen Visit NeuroRecovery Network® Sites

The Reeve Foundation shared real-life NeuroRecovery Network® (NRN) success stories by hosting U.S. Representatives Al Green (TX-9), Jim Matheson (UT-4), and Keith Ellison (MN-5) at the NRN Centers in their respective districts. These visits helped strengthen Congressional ties to the Reeve Foundation and advocate the benefits for funding Paralysis Resource Center programs.

In 2013, among other efforts, the Reeve Foundation:

- Held a series of webinars to educate the paralysis community on a variety of topics focused on navigating the internal healthcare marketplace and insurance appeals.
- Activated its advocates to speak out against harmful Medicare therapy caps that would limit the amount of therapy individuals are able to receive in a given year. Reeve advocates helped ensure that an extension on the exceptions process to therapy caps was obtained.
- Advocated for passage of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) treaty which would make it easier for individuals living with disabilities to travel abroad and experience the same rights as they do within the United States.

To learn more, visit ChristopherReeve.org/advocacy
GETTING “IT” DONE

Jennifer Longdon’s incredible spirit and tenacity was no match for the bullet that landed in her spine in 2004.

The random gun fire caused a spinal cord injury that paralyzed Longdon from the middle of the chest down. Three additional shots caused devastating injuries for her fiancé. Life for the six-foot tall athletic mom was forever changed.

“I lost a lot of privileges with a single bullet,” says Longdon. “And that ticked me off.”

She quickly became acutely aware of all the things she could no longer do.

“On my first shopping trip in a wheelchair, I couldn’t see over the clothing rack,” says Longdon. “It was disorienting and claustrophobic. Everywhere I went it seemed the disability perspective needed to be better represented.”

Now a speaker, writer and activist, Longdon contributes to policy decisions by serving on the Phoenix Mayor’s Commission on Disability Issues, the State Independent Living Council of Arizona and Arizonans for Gun Safety. She is passionately involved with the Reeve Foundation, serving as a Public Impact Advisor and certified Peer Mentor.

She also named the Reeve Foundation in her will.

“I’m not sure I have tomorrow so I need to get ‘it’ done today, whatever ‘it’ may be,” says Longdon who has had several recent hospital visits related to complications from her spinal cord injury. “I needed to button up my arrangements, and the Reeve Foundation was a tremendous help.”

Longdon continues, “You need to be prudent about where you spend your bucket of energy each day. I appreciate the value of the resources the Reeve Foundation offers, and I want to be sure they can continue their vital work.”

For more information about the Reeve Foundation’s Michael A. Hughes Planned Giving Society and about how you can include the Reeve Foundation in your estate plans, please visit: ChristopherReeve.org/PlannedGiving or email plannedgiving@ChristopherReeve.org

HONORING A LEGACY

Tristam Johnson was a young teen when his father married Christopher Reeve’s mother, Barbara.

“I remember spending summer vacations together and lots of football and baseball games,” says Johnson. “Even as a young kid, Chris had wonderful values and ethics. He lived with honesty and integrity.”

Over the years, the family remained connected and enjoyed warm celebrations for holidays and birthdays.

“As his acting career took off, Chris became very successful but not polluted as can often happen,” says Johnson. “He was always adaptable, enjoyable, intelligent, and kind. After the accident, his approach, style, eloquence, and conviction never wavered. In spite of his incapacity, he was fully capable.”

In honor of his step-brother, Johnson donates to the Reeve Foundation monthly as part of the Heroes for Hope program.

“Monthly giving offers the Foundation a reliable flow of resources that can make a big difference,” says Johnson. “Consistent support allows the Foundation to continually move forward and think strategically for the long term.”

Like Johnson, Christopher’s mother, other siblings and family members also give generously of their time and support to the Foundation. In 2013, Christopher’s father, F.D. Reeve, passed away, and the Foundation was named to receive tribute gifts in his memory.

“We give as a tribute to Chris’ endless passion and commitment to research, solutions and hope,” says Johnson. “He made a global impact, and there is no way to say ‘thank you’ to someone like that. We all feel attached to Chris and grateful for all he has done to help others.”

Siblings (from left to right) Tristam Johnson Jr., Kevin Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Christopher Reeve, Elizabeth Johnson, Kate Johnson and Ben Reeve in 1990 near East Wallingford, VT.

To join our Heroes for Hope who support the Reeve Foundation on an ongoing basis with recurring gifts, please contact us at (973) 379-2690 x7114 or donations@ChristopherReeve.org
Reeve Foundation Highlights

$110 million invested in research since 1982

7 International Research Consortium on Spinal Cord Injury labs

4 participants in epidural stimulation regained voluntary movements and the ability to bear weight

North American Clinical Trial Networks clinical centers in the US/Canada + 1 coordinating center, and pharmacology and data centers

58,352 families assisted by the Information Specialist team since 2002

1,006 service members assisted since 2002

367 peer mentors and 1,435 clients mentored

175,000 Paralysis Resource Guide copies distributed since 2003

741,845 visitors to paralysis.org in 2013

4 new patients enrolled at NeuroRecovery Network (NRN) clinical centers and community fitness and wellness (CFW) facilities in 2013
2,300 Quality of Life Grants totaling $17 million since 1999

5,000 books and videos
Library—Free extensive collection of materials to check out

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Every year, hundreds of people from all across the country run, bike, hike and even swim to raise awareness and support for spinal cord injury as part of Team Reeve®.

Pushrim athletes Aaron Roux, Grant Berthiaume and Paul Erway (pictured here at the 2013 ING New York City Marathon finish with Team Reeve Manager Leigh Alspach) founded 50 Ability Marathons, a group dedicated to competing in 50 marathons, in 50 states, in 50 weeks.

Team Reeve Chicago Marathon runner Amber Fatheree completed her first marathon in honor of her mom who sustained a spinal cord injury in 2008. “My mother is my inspiration to push beyond my personal limits,” says Fatheree, who raised more than $2,000 for the Reeve Foundation. “I spent 30 weeks pushing myself, as my mother does daily, outside my comfort zone. I run because she cannot. I run for all the many people who cannot. I run in hope of a cure.”

Team Reeve All Stars/brothers Adam and Jared Budiansky completed the TOBAY Junior Triathlon in Oyster Bay, NY.
Antoinette Albert is up bright and early for the 2013 ING New York City Marathon.

Team Reeve enjoyed all kinds of fan support at the 2013 Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

Supporter Spotlight

As for most people impacted by spinal cord injury, life changed in the blink of an eye for the Umble family. Each year, Rob and Rick Umble looked forward to the annual Kimberton Waldorf High School alumni lacrosse game against the current high school team. The brothers grew up playing on the same team, and both coached lacrosse as adults. The 2008 alumni game became rough, and one hard hit resulted in a spinal cord injury for Rick.

“I was on the sideline, and I saw a big collision happen,” says Rob. “When I got to him, Rick said that he couldn’t feel anything in the lower part of his body.”

After Rick’s accident, the Umble family grew closer.

Rob’s daughter, Molly, formed the Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Club at her high school, Lancaster Country Day School. Through various fundraisers ranging from school dances to Team Reeve bracelet sales, the club raised $3,700 for the Reeve Foundation. Bridget, Molly’s younger sister, now leads the club.

In honor of his brother, Rob ran the 2010 ING New York City Marathon and raised more than $12,000 as part of Team Reeve®. Inspired by her father, Molly ran the 2011 ING New York City Marathon with Team Reeve and raised more than $4,000.

“Before the accident I knew Rick as my uncle, and he would come with us on family trips, but I feel like I’m closer with him now,” says Molly, who interned with the Reeve Foundation development team last summer. “He continues to inspire me with his positive attitude, big heart and sense of humor.”

For Rick, Molly and her family are inspiring as well.

“We’ve always been an athletic family, and Team Reeve has been an ideal way for my brother and his family to get involved with spinal cord research,” says Rick. “You don’t see kids that age taking that kind of responsibility on and following through from high school to college, then making a career out of it the way Molly has. It is outstanding.”

To join the Umbles and thousands of other Team Reeve members, visit TeamReeve.org
Team LeGrand

“I believe Christopher Reeve started something, and I’m supposed to finish it,” says Eric LeGrand.

In September, the former Rutgers University football player, who suffered a spinal cord injury during a football game in October 2010, officially launched Team LeGrand, a fundraising arm of the Reeve Foundation.

“While I’ve been so fortunate in my recovery process, there are so many people living with spinal cord injuries who don’t have access to the proper resources,” says LeGrand.

Team LeGrand aligns with the Reeve Foundation’s mission of helping individuals living with spinal cord injury and their families by supporting quality of life initiatives and emerging therapies.

“By creating Team LeGrand, I’ll be able to help other individuals on their road to recovery, and together we can achieve Christopher Reeve’s dream of empty wheelchairs,” says LeGrand.

LeGrand is also a participant in the Reeve Foundation NeuroRecovery Network® at Kessler Rehabilitation Institute in West Orange, NJ. Eric’s therapy includes locomotor training, a process that re-teaches the body how to walk using manual assistance by specially-trained physical therapists on a treadmill system.

To join Team LeGrand, visit TeamLeGrand.org

Supporter Spotlight

CORPORATE SPONSOR

A passionate Rutgers University football fan and scholarship donor, UBS Senior Portfolio Manager Shawn Hanna was at the game when Eric LeGrand sustained a spinal cord injury. A few years later, he approached LeGrand and offered to be his financial advisor.

“I consider it an honor to do what I can to help Eric and his mom,” says Hanna. “Eric is the strongest, kindest person I’ve ever met. When Eric told me about Team LeGrand, I wanted to get involved.”

Hanna approached the UBS manager in his region and secured a $5,000 donation, making UBS one of Team LeGrand’s first corporate sponsors.

“Eric faces adversity that most can’t imagine, and he faces it head on,” says Hanna. “He is one of the most positive human beings I know. Whatever I can do to help his cause is what I’ll do.”

To discuss how you can engage your company’s support of the Reeve Foundation through payroll deductions, corporate matching gifts, cause marketing campaigns, in-kind donations, or other workplace giving and volunteering opportunities, please call (973) 379-2690 x7121 or email donations@ChristopherReeve.org
Supporter Spotlight

OFFERING SUPPORT: INFORMATION SPECIALISTS

“When I spoke with Donna, I immediately realized that there are people ready and willing to support me,” says Kim Carpenter, describing Reeve Information Specialist Donna Lowich, who provided an “anchor of hope” after Carpenter sustained a spinal cord injury in 2010.

“I’m able to provide my own experience and let people know that spinal cord injury doesn’t mean the end of life, only that things will be a little different,” says Lowich, who became paralyzed 28 years ago following an unsuccessful surgical procedure. “I’m here to help navigate that period and teach people to embark upon a new path toward self-empowerment.”

As an Information Specialist, Lowich assists people who contact the Reeve Foundation Paralysis Resource Center. She answers their questions, helps them find resources in their local area and makes suggestions on how to navigate certain activities in daily life.

“Every call is different,” says Bernadette Mauro, Director of Information and Resource Services. “But the bottom line is that people with a new spinal cord injury have a real need for information, and we’re committed to doing the research for them.”

“I am thankful for the support group that I do have, from family and friends, to Donna and everyone at the Reeve Foundation,” says Carpenter. “Now, I truly live by the mantra, ‘if you believe it, you can achieve it.’ This is very different from where I was only a year ago.”

TOUCHING LIVES: PEER & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

“Shortly after I was paralyzed in a dirt bike accident in 2000, I realized that not a lot of people were available to give me and my family support. I soon had to learn how to live with a disability, and figuring out things on my own was very tough.

I learned through my peer mentor training from the Reeve Foundation that listening is one of the best tools to be an effective peer mentor. I can be an ear now and listen to those who are experiencing similarly tough times as I did.

Now, I have had a chance to meet several people with new injuries, and it has been a win, win. They have loved learning about the sports I compete in, and I have learned from them as well. My life with a spinal cord injury has been a journey, and now having people to help along the way is very meaningful.”

— Bryan Wilkinson, Reeve Foundation Certified Peer Mentor

To learn more about Reeve Foundation Paralysis Resource Center programs and services, visit Paralysis.org or call 1-800-539-7309
The evening of November 21, 2013, lived up to its name as nearly 500 attendees gathered in New York City at Cipriani Wall Street® for the 23rd annual A Magical Evening, the Reeve Foundation’s signature gala. The evening raised $1 million to support the Reeve Foundation’s efforts to help the 1.3 million Americans living with spinal cord injury.

Dana Reeve HOPE Award recipient Karen LeGrand with her son Eric LeGrand and ABC’s Good Morning America anchor Robin Roberts.

Robin Roberts welcomed gala attendees and proposed a champagne toast to the evening’s honorees.

SAVE THE DATE
24th annual A Magical Evening
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Cipriani Wall Street
In 1982, David M. Baldwin refused to accept the prevailing notion that the spinal cord, once injured, could not be repaired. A visionary leader, Baldwin helped found the American Paralysis Association which later became known as the Reeve Foundation. Baldwin passed away in February 2014, but his legacy of generosity, love and compassion will serve as a guiding force for the Reeve Foundation to carry forward.

A mutual love for the stage at Williamstown Theater Festival launched a steadfast friendship between Philip Seymour Hoffman and Christopher Reeve. Over the years, Hoffman offered unwavering support to the Reeve family and the Reeve Foundation. When Hoffman passed away in February 2014, the Reeve Foundation received numerous tribute gifts in his honor.

Artist and Reeve Foundation Multicultural Ambassador Ruben Rios passed away in February 2014. After incurring a spinal cord injury from a gunshot wound in 1988, Rios learned to use a mouth stick with a paint brush attached to create impressive works of art. His bravery, passion and talent will be greatly missed.

DJ Alexandra Richards with Christopher Reeve Spirit of Courage Award recipient Francesco Clark and celebrity stylist Mary Alice Stephenson.

Peter J. McDonough, President of Diageo North America, accepted the Visionary Leadership Award from Matthew Reeve for Guinness’ innovative wheelchair basketball commercial.

Eric LeGrand and Reeve Foundation board member Tim Pernetti presented Eric’s mother, Karen, with the Dana Reeve HOPE Award.

Long-time Reeve Foundation friend Glenn Close with Will Reeve.
The premier of the *Somewhere in Time* musical at Portland Center Stage in Oregon included a reception generously underwritten by Tim and Mary Boyle to benefit the Reeve Foundation.

Team Reeve Chicago committee member Mihra Seta (right) was joined by family and friends at **Hope for the Holidays Chicago** at Chicago Cut Steakhouse. This year’s event raised more than $100,000 for Reeve Foundation programs.

Patrick Ivison with “Push Girls” Chelsie Hill and Angela Rockwood at **Hope for the Holidays California**. This event brought together the southern California community to honor local inspirational leaders, discuss relevant scientific research and memorialize the many achievements of spinal cord injured ambassadors. Joining Hill and Rockwood as **Hope for the Holidays California** hosts were fellow “Push Girls” Tiphany Adams, Auti Angel and Mia Schaikewitz. Special recognition went to X Games Motocross gold medalist Vicki Golden, whose father is living with spinal cord injury. Renowned celebrity photographer Christopher Voelker and American Gladiator Michael O’Hearn were also on hand to support the Reeve team.

The premier of the *Somewhere in Time musical* at Portland Center Stage in Oregon included a reception generously underwritten by Tim and Mary Boyle to benefit the Reeve Foundation.
In the fall of 2013, Kathy Woeste joined Mars, Inc. team members Eric Formichella, Amy Farr and Robert Longueira as well as Doug Landsman of the Reeve Foundation at a fundraising event hosted at Mars headquarters in Mount Olive, NJ. The event celebrated Kathy’s husband and long-time Mars associate Dave Woeste, who passed away in February 2013. To honor Dave’s inspirational and positive attitude since sustaining a spinal cord injury in an August 2011 body surfing accident, tribute gifts were made to the Reeve Foundation in his memory. Dave’s example of courage and commitment lives on in his two daughters, Michelle and Corinne.

At Cycle for SCI, Reeve Foundation supporters pedaled hard for a heart-pumping and exhilarating ride at SoulCycle in Manhattan. Foundation friends Maria Chappa and Melissa Gorga with Senior Master Instructor Stacey Griffith (center).

The NYC Champions Committee hosted their Summer Kick-Off Party at The Standard, East Village, bringing together philanthropic young professionals while raising more than $10,000 for the Reeve Foundation.
The 1st Annual Ball for a Cause basketball tournament held in Norman, OK, honored former University of Oklahoma football player Corey Wilson while raising critical funds for spinal cord injury research.

The Light at the End of the Tunnel benefit at Passions in Hollywood, Florida, brought together Reeve Foundation supporters for a night of food, drink and dancing to the music of the Sugar Hill Gang.

Epidural stimulation participant Rob Summers kicked off the College World Series, with sponsors Buick and EEI Mobile making a generous donation to the Reeve Foundation in his honor.

WANT TO HELP?
There are so many opportunities to make a difference. To learn more about upcoming events or to talk to us about an event idea of your own, please visit us online at ChristopherReeve.org/events or email events@ChristopherReeve.org.
EMBRACING THE PAST AND GIVING BACK

Mike Simpson spent a long time trying to put his near-tragic accident behind him.

“T was incredibly fortunate,” says Simpson, who deems himself 99 percent recovered from a 2006 pool accident which left him paralyzed from the chest down.

“I worked hard to get to the point where no one knew about the accident,” says Simpson who is now married and has two children. “I just wanted to get back to a normal life and put the experience in the past.”

Then, last year, Simpson’s employer, the global investment banking firm, Jefferies, awarded him a generous check to donate to his favorite charity—he chose the Reeve Foundation.

“Getting involved with the Reeve Foundation forces me to put my accident back into the present, which isn’t an easy thing to do,” says Simpson. He has quietly donated to the Reeve Foundation for years. Ironically, he even met Dana Reeve at an event a couple years before his accident. But the check was a catalyst for something more.

“I realized that I can’t keep pretending the accident didn’t happen,” says Simpson. “I was extremely lucky, and I need to remind myself to be appreciative. I can’t just erase that portion of my life.”

“So many wonderful people helped me after my accident,” he continues. “I didn’t need the Reeve Foundation’s help, but I know I was only a millimeter away from requiring their support. I am slowly embracing the opportunity to be part of this community of people I want to help and support.”

SIBLING DEVOTION

“I’m really proud of him,” says Alyson Donnelly of her brother, Jonathan. And chances are, the feeling is mutual.

In 1995, Jonathan sustained a spinal cord injury in a swimming accident. With the support of his tight-knit family, he embarked on a long road to recovery.

“It was jarring to watch him go from an active, popular college student to totally immobile,” says Alyson. “But over years of hard work, he’s been able to resume an independent life.”

Inspired by her brother’s courage and determination, Alyson decided to get involved with the Reeve Foundation.

“At my very first Reeve Champions Committee meeting, it felt like a long-lost group of friends who had all been through some degree of what we’d been through,” says Alyson, who is now a real estate agent in Brooklyn and Manhattan. “It opened a wonderful world of generosity and support from people with a passion for improving life and finding a cure.”

Alyson joined the Champions Committee in 2011 to help raise awareness and involvement with the Reeve Foundation among young professionals in the New York City area. In 2012 she joined Team Reeve and completed the ING New York City Marathon in 2013.

“It was an extremely rewarding experience both as a personal accomplishment and as a fundraiser for a personal cause,” says Alyson. “It was a special day for my family. There were a lot of tears at the finish line. I was proud to run for my brother.”

Although Alyson doesn’t plan to run the 2014 marathon, she plans to go the distance with the Reeve Foundation.

“It is so rewarding to work with such special people,” says Alyson. “I will be involved for many years to come.”

Learn more about the Reeve Foundation’s Champions Committee at Christopher Reeve.org/Champions
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