Will Reeve, Matthew Reeve, and Alexandra Reeve Givens presented former Reeve Foundation Board Chairman, Peter D. Kiernan, III with the Dana Reeve HOPE Award at A Magical Evening 2011

Front Cover Photos (left to right)
- An NRN participant at Kessler Rehabilitation Institute
- Angela Rockwood, Reeve Foundation Ambassador
- Rob Summers, the face of recovery and hope via epidural stimulation
- Chris Cawley and friends dominated the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in honor of his brother, Bill
Message from the Chairman of the Board and President & CEO

The Reeve Foundation’s leadership in the field of cures and care for individuals living with paralysis has developed over decades from basic research occurring at the bench, to collaborative science spanning continents, to clinical trials happening at this very moment. Each aspect of our research program informs and builds upon the others, and every discovery represents ideas and investments.

Scientific breakthroughs are really turning points in time bookended by beginnings on both sides. With the landmark results of a Reeve Foundation-funded epidural stimulation study published in *The Lancet*, featuring the unstoppable Rob Summers, came a new era in spinal cord injury research and therapy—not an ending, but a starting point.

The progress is exciting, the promise is exhilarating, and the possibilities are enduring. Our time, indeed, is now. The investment of your philanthropy in the Reeve Foundation’s cause and community members has helped make this positive difference.

Our report highlights a year that might best be characterized by its seasons. From the springtime of hope that began with Rob Summers (pun intended!) to the maturity of autumn that ended with an *A Magical Evening* for the ages, 2011 was about the life cycle of beginnings and endings, questions and answers.

Individuals living with paralysis, as well as family members and caregivers, are our teachers. We learn together every day alongside our scientific community members—from veteran Principal Investigators to newly minted Associates—who ask the tough questions. Over and over and over. And then they ask even more.

Questions guided us during the year through not only new scientific frontiers but also unchartered organizational territory. “Is it time to pick the fruit?” posited a scientific stalwart who was capturing the essence of our evolution from grant-making to groundbreaking and back again.

We continue to explore these inquiries, and we are following the path toward the answers in the same spirit as our scientists. Yet, the Reeve Foundation continues to blaze trails as symbolized by the torch in our logo—the dual flames symbolizing Christopher and Dana, eternally illuminating our way.

Interconnected with Reeve research is Reeve Quality of Life, encompassing a comprehensive array of information and support services for individuals, families, caregivers, and non-profit providers. Speaking of questions, Reeve Information Specialists—and now, also, for the first time ever, trained Reeve Peer Mentor volunteers across the country—are on the front lines, fielding dozens of questions every day. These talented individuals are literally lifelines for people facing crises they never could have imagined. “We think of you so often. We never forget all the support you gave us. Truly, you changed our lives,” wrote one grateful family.

As you read the enclosed report, know that these words of gratitude extend from the people the Reeve Foundation serves to you, our generous and devoted donors, without whom this time would never have come. Thank you, from all of us at the Reeve Foundation, on behalf of the 5.6 million Americans living with paralysis and 1.275 million Americans living with spinal cord injury. We appreciate and need your support now more than ever.

John (Jack) Hughes  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Peter T. Wilderotter  
President & CEO
The Reeve Foundation International Research Consortium on Spinal Cord Injury pursues research into structural repair and functional recovery in the acutely and chronically injured spinal cord. The Consortium, a group of six labs in the U.S. and Europe, is organized around collaborative research that focuses on finding ways to optimize the intrinsic capacity of the adult nervous system to repair and remodel itself, as well as on learning how to elicit robust regenerative responses after injury.

Recent collaborations leading to publication in scientific journals include studies of growth factors and recovery of function, the results of a collaboration between the Mendell lab (State University of New York, Stony Brook) and the Gage lab (Salk Institute) with input from the Edgerton lab (UCLA). In another paper, the Mendell and Fawcett labs (University of Cambridge, England) combined growth-promoting drugs and an enzyme to digest scar tissue at the injury site and showed regenerative potential in animals. Yet a third paper from the Mendell and Schwab labs (Brain Research Institute, Zurich, Switzerland) demonstrated that using those growth-enhancing drugs in combination with the inhibitory antibody Nogo-A created a functioning “detour” around the injured spinal cord.

The Consortium teams met in Cambridge, England, in August 2011 where the newest member was introduced: Ben Barres, MD, PhD, a physician-scientist at Stanford. He left a neurology practice to pursue science, “One of the things that compelled me to leave was working with patients living with quadriplegia and realizing that I was helpless to do anything for them.” He studies the role of neural cells called astrocytes, essential in controlling nerve signals and also important in the maintenance and repair of the spinal cord and brain. Barres is poised now to initiate several collaborative projects with the other labs in the Consortium.

To learn more and for a list of Consortium labs, visit ChristopherReeve.org/Research.

Building the Infrastructure to Move into the Clinic

North American Clinical Trials Network: The Reeve Foundation’s North American Clinical Trials Network® (NACTN) completed a multi-center Phase I safety trial of the neuroprotective drug Riluzole in June 2011. Thirty-six acutely injured patients were enrolled in the study. Data has been compiled and will be published in September 2012 and planning has already begun to move the drug to a larger, randomized trial. “Based on the data, we feel the agent has provided some neuroprotection after spinal cord injury,” said Charles Tator, MD, PhD, who chairs what might be called a pipeline committee for the NACTN. He says there are four areas of interest in possible clinical trials drugs, especially related to neuroprotection, cellular therapies including stem cells, physical modalities, such as epidural stimulation, and bioengineering, including support structures or scaffolds that might enhance axon growth across the injury site.

To learn more and for a list of NACTN centers, visit ChristopherReeve.org/NACTN.
In 2011, for the first time, a man completely paralyzed from the chest down regained the ability to take several steps with support and stand on his own. In a remarkable experiment funded in part by the Reeve Foundation (The Lancet, v377, issue 9781, pp1938-1947, doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(11)60547), Rob Summers, aged 25, became the face of recovery and of hope. The use of epidural stimulation, plus aggressive Locomotor Training on a treadmill, enabled Summers to stand, take steps, and, after seven months—and to the surprise of the research teams at the University of Louisville, UCLA, and Caltech—regain some voluntary motor function when the stimulation device was turned on. Even more surprising, Summers regained bladder control, near-normal sexual function, and the ability to sweat even when the stimulator was off. The research team speculates that this unprecedented recovery could be attributed to the epidural stimulation awakening spinal nerves, and to nerve sprouting or regeneration triggered by training.

Two more subjects were implanted this year (the FDA has approved a total of five for this study) and there are immediate plans to improve upon the equipment used in the research as the stimulator being used is designed for pain relief. An enormous amount of work must still be done before epidural stimulation can be routinely used in the clinic, but gaining a better understanding of the biology involved and developing more sophisticated technology are steps in the right direction. The Reeve Foundation continues to provide support, financial and otherwise, for this research.

Said Summers, “This procedure has completely changed my life. For someone who, for four years, was unable to even move a toe, having the freedom and ability to stand on my own is the most amazing feeling. To be able to pick up my foot and step down again was unbelievable, but beyond all of that, my sense of well-being has changed. My physique and muscle tone have improved greatly, so much that most people don’t even believe I am paralyzed.”

For more information, please visit ChristopherReeve.org/Epi.
In 2011, the PRC identified the gaps between education, knowledge, and empowerment. Autonomic Dysreflexia cards were developed and made available to the public free of charge to educate individuals living with paralysis, their caregivers, and medical professionals. What makes these cards unique is that an individual's baseline blood pressure can be recorded on the card. They also provide clinical treatment criteria for emergency personnel to promptly and appropriately treat AD. Available in print in pediatric and adult versions, and online in Spanish, the card is the first of its kind that allows individuals to fill in their personal health information, including medical history and emergency contacts.

To get your copy, please visit ChristopherReeve.org/ADcard.

The Peer & Family Support Program

The Peer & Family Support Program, introduced in 2010, truly took off in 2011. This national network of trained and certified peer-to-peer mentors provide critical emotional support and guidance, as well as local and national information and resources for people living with paralysis, their families, and caregivers. In 2011, peer networks came together in eight regions across the nation. A Southern California network began, under the guidance of Juan Garibay and Eric Gibson, both living with paralysis from gang violence in the Los Angeles area. Gibson says it’s all about connection, “Our goal is that anyone living with paralysis in this area makes contact with a peer—someone who knows the ropes and has learned how to get by. Books and the Internet are good tools, of course, but meeting someone with circumstances like your own… that is a powerful way to help someone.” Garibay adds, “Peer mentors will help fill the void as people leave rehab before learning about their bodies, their equipment, and their options. We offer a bridge, so people can begin to solve problems and move forward.”

For information about the Paralysis Resource Center and the Peer & Family Support Program, please visit Paralysis.org and Paralysis.org/Peer.

Juan Garibay and Eric Gibson

“IT’s so very painful and difficult to open up to the lives we have rather than feeling resentful for the lives we lost or fearful for the lives we envision. But when we open up to the lives we have, things become easier. Nothing really changes except for the way we experience ourselves.” – Dr. Dan Gottlieb

Online Paralysis Community

The Online Paralysis Community continued to grow as an open forum for community members, family and friends, caregivers, and professionals who gathered daily to share knowledge and inquire about everyday living. Perhaps the most encouraging and spirited voice of the Online Paralysis Community is resident psychologist Dr. Daniel Gottlieb, a practicing family therapist and living with quadriplegia. Providing live help for the online community weekly throughout the year, “Dr. Dan” sought to help others in need who reached out to him while also sharing personal perspectives on his life to show community members that they are not alone.

The Blog Squad, also part of the Online Paralysis Community, is made up of four writers who address the “fine print” of living with paralysis. Their posts demonstrate that they are heavily engaged in sharing their personal experiences of the good, bad, and honest truth of life with paralysis. Candace Cable, a retired wheelchair athlete, explains, “Our goals as bloggers, or at least my goals, are to help people deal with fear and change, to promote healthy lifestyles, and to diminish suffering. Disability and change will happen with or without our permission, so get on it, stay on it, and enjoy the ride!”

To join the Online Paralysis Community, please visit spinalcordinjury-paralysis.org.

The PRC is a program of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, and is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Award No. 1U59DD000838.
In 2011, the Reeve Foundation awarded nearly $1 million in Quality of Life grants to nonprofit organizations that aim to improve the lives and independence of individuals living with paralysis. Some of the recipients include:

Active Disabled Americans in Florida received a grant to support a program that improves quality of life for people living with disabilities through recreation and socialization around marine activities, boating, fishing, snorkeling, kayaking, S.C.U.B.A., and other water sports in the magnificent Florida Keys.

The Greater New Orleans Miracle League of New Orleans, Louisiana, received a grant to support the Miracle Field, a custom-designed sports field to be used for baseball and soccer that accommodates wheelchairs and other walking-assistance devices so that children living with disabilities can hit, run, catch, and kick. The goal of the program is to provide any child, regardless of their level of disability, the opportunity to play league sports and enjoy the emotional and physical benefits of being part of a team sport.

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The Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City received a grant to support Project Equal Access: Expanded Services and New Media Education, which makes New York City more accessible for people living with disabilities by way of workshops, investigations, and digital videos on the web and social networking sites.

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Military & Veteran Program

The Military & Veteran Program continued to offer information and resources about rehabilitation and community integration for wounded soldiers. Quality of Life Grants totaling more than $130,000 went to support military- and veteran-related programs in 2011.

For more information about the Military & Veteran Program, visit ChristopherReeve.org/Military.
The Reeve Foundation advocates for programs, policies, and services that directly impact the lives of people living with paralysis.

In 2011, the Reeve Foundation was a key player in a coalition of disability organizations—one voice representing 50 million people living with disabilities—to prevent the consolidation of programs funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This ensured that the Reeve Foundation’s Paralysis Resource Center will continue to offer vital information and support for the paralysis community. The effort began by activating the Reeve advocacy base through email and an Internet-based Advocacy Toolkit. The coalition of disability organizations then came together around an online webinar hosted by the Reeve Foundation.

Other advocacy mobilization efforts, highlighted by direct contact with elected representatives, included the following:

- ongoing support for legislation to make it easier for people living with spinal cord injury and paralysis to live at home and continue to participate in their communities, rather than being forced to receive needed services in an institutional setting.

- continued resistance to service-limiting payment caps on outpatient rehabilitation services under Medicare Part B.

- continued opposition to the Medicare Competitive Bidding Program and reduced access to suppliers of wheelchairs and durable medical equipment.

- continued efforts to accelerate medical research related to paralysis, including support for the Reeve Foundation’s North American Clinical Trials Network®.

- continued support for full access to health care for people living with disabilities.

- urging Congressional support for programs that support family caregivers, including the Lifespan Respite Care Program.

- supporting legislation to add a $1 billion increase for National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding. This will improve the lives of the millions of Americans living with life-altering disabilities by providing the funding necessary for research producing revolutionary breakthroughs in health and medical research.
NIGHT BY THE OCEAN

On October 15, Life Rolls On (LRO) honored Scott Caan and Jason Mraz at the 8th Annual Night by the Ocean gala for their exceptional support of Life Rolls On’s work and the paralysis community. Hosted at the Ritz Carlton in Marina del Rey, California, 300 guests were treated to an unforgettable evening highlighted by fire dancers, incredible live and silent auctions, and a special live performance by Jason Mraz. Honorary Event Chairs Odette Annable, Dave Annable, and Jason Lewis led the opening celebration toast, while television personality and X Games broadcaster Sal Masekela provided comic relief as the Master of Ceremonies. More than $350,000 was raised during the evening, which serves as the signature fundraising event for LRO.
A YEAR IN THE LIFE
OF REEVE FOUNDATION VOLUNTEERS, DONORS,

“Together Everyone Achieves More” could be the unofficial tagline of Team Reeve®, the Reeve Foundation’s fundraising program that includes All Star Athletic & Marathon initiatives as well as Regional Events. Even our individual All Stars—who participate in everything from cycling and swimming to riding and running competitions—are part of the greater whole as they raise awareness and critical funding from their circles of friends, family members, neighbors, and colleagues. Team Reeve® can be anyone and everyone, anywhere and everywhere, any time and all the time. In 2011, Team Reeve activities occurred across the United States—winter, spring, summer, fall.

April 2011
April showers did not keep guests away from the Spring Wine Tasting at Manhattan’s City Winery, led by the extended Hansen and Stifel clan of friends and loved ones. Delicious offerings, along with fabulous prizes and entertainment, made this an afternoon to remember as sponsors and supporters raised not only glasses but also more than $40,000 in the event’s inaugural year.

April 2011
Also in April, the Kentucky Derby Festival MiniMarathon took place. For the first time, clients living with spinal cord injury from all Reeve Foundation NeuroRecovery Network® sites participated in the relay. Throughout the year, marathoners of all levels—longtime handcyclists, first-time runners, and everyone in between—brought Team Reeve to cities from Boston, to Louisville, to Chicago, to Washington DC, to New York City.

April 2011
What better way to ring in spring than with Team Reeve participating in the Boston Marathon in April? Robby Frederickson’s sister, Mary, and her boyfriend, Kevin, wanted to give her brother and new sister-in-law, Cass, a special wedding gift to remember—so she signed the four of them up to run the Boston Marathon for Team Reeve on behalf of Cass’ father, John Appel! Mary wrote in her application, “Mr. Appel is the strongest person I ever met. He has done everything to ensure his kids have had a normal childhood. He is in a wheelchair and cannot move his legs, but he ‘walked’ down the aisle with Cass, and enjoyed the first father-daughter dance. He even found a party bus that could accommodate his wheelchair so he would not have to ride separately when we all went to take pictures.” Cass shares that she would have “quit way, way long ago” if running for any other cause and describes her father as “my motivation for the last 29 years.” The group’s motivation was obvious as they raised nearly $20,000 to advance the Reeve Foundation’s mission. As the Frederickson/Appel/Doonan clan proves, a family who plays together stays together!
**May 2011**
Involving the next next generation—high school students and children of all ages—is a Team Reeve® priority. A Memorial Day weekend baseball/softball tournament in Bergen County, New Jersey, and the Just Keep Believing Foundation (for the inspirational Jessica K. Burrell) early June baseball, softball, and volleyball tournament in upstate New York are two examples of family-friendly initiatives benefitting the Reeve Foundation.

**June 2011**
Someone who knows a lot about kids is Bill Cawley, Director of the Reeve Foundation’s Peer & Family Support Program and father of four children under the age of eight. Bill’s twin brother, Chris, competed as a member of Team Reeve® in the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in San Francisco. Completing this rigorous 28-mile course, Chris certainly proved his motto: “If you don’t live on the edge, you can’t see the view.”

**June 2011**
Also in upstate New York, an annual day of fun and fundraising organized by summer campers at Camp Baco for Boys & Camp Che-Na-Wah for Girls raises money for charities, including the Reeve Foundation, in honor of former camper and counselor and current Reeve Foundation Board member, Danny Heumann.

For more information about the Reeve Daniel Heumann Young Scientists Fund, visit: ChristopherReeve.org/Daniel.

**July & September 2011**
Reeve Champions Committee events that occurred throughout the year are all about the next generation. In 2011, the energetic young professionals of the Champions Committee hosted two incredible events in New York City: The summertime concert Reeve Rocks co-hosted by Manhattan magazine featured the talents of singer-songwriter Jesse Ruben and band Parachute. Coinciding with New York’s Fashion Week, Night for a Cure at the Mondrian Soho Hotel was co-hosted by actor Julianne Moore and W Magazine’s Editor-in-Chief Stefano Tonchi.

Get involved and learn more about the Champions Committee by visiting: ChristopherReeve.org/Champions.
Summer/Fall 2011
There is no better view than the one from the beach looking out at surfers participating in They Will Surf Again (TWSA) events organized by Reeve Foundation subsidiary Life Rolls On®. TWSA is the signature program of Life Rolls On and empowers people living with paralysis to experience the freedom and mobility of riding a wave through use of adaptive equipment and the support of a core of volunteers. The program is offered across the country with nine event sites in seven states, from Hawaii to New Jersey. Due to the success of TWSA, Life Rolls On also supported programs for skating and skiing. Golf courses across the country also provided spectacular backdrops for several events to benefit the Reeve Foundation. From Massachusetts to Pennsylvania, New Jersey to California, groups of dedicated volunteers, donors, and golfers came together on behalf of Team Reeve®.

October & November 2011
From Bank of America Chicago Marathon™ over Columbus Day weekend to the 4th annual Reeve Chicago fundraising benefit on Veterans Day, Team Reeve Chicago rang in the fall by raising the bar. Dedicated volunteers participating on behalf of loved ones living with spinal cord injury helped “recruit, run, and raise” more than ever before, with the largest Chicago Marathon team and highest fundraising totals to date. Commending the great success of Team Reeve® Chicago while honoring our nation’s veterans—and recognizing event honorees Neuco, Inc. and Dr. Daniel Ivankovich—all were on tap during Celebrate Chicago! 2011, held at the spacious Fletcher Jones Mercedes-Benz of Chicago and featuring local caterers such as Gibson’s, Chicago Cut, and Brickstone Brewery. Between the two initiatives, Team Reeve® Chicago raised nearly $250,000 and brought the cumulative total raised since the volunteer group’s inception to more than $1 million in support of the Reeve Foundation’s work.

October 2011
As 2011 was indeed a year of many firsts—but not lasts!—for the Reeve Foundation, another new initiative was launched by devoted Reeve Foundation supporter Jaci Cohen. Honoring her beloved late mother, who lived heroically with spinal cord injury in the latter years of her life, Jaci celebrated her birthday with friends by hosting a spin indoor cycling fundraiser at new Reeve Foundation partner, FlyWheel Sports, raising more than $10,000 for Team Reeve® in the process.

topherReeve.org/Daniel.

September & October 2011
Wheels were turning literally and figuratively as hundreds of participants turned out for Team Reeve® Connecticut’s 2nd annual Roll-a-thon in Hartford, led by a committee of amazing volunteers, and for the first-ever Walk & Roll in Seattle, organized by Reeve Foundation partner the Spinal Cord Injury Association of Washington.

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With the end of October and the beginning of November came the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC and the ING New York City Marathon. Team Reeve Marine could have also been called Team Reeve Mike Murphy, as one of our first handcyclists persuaded three good friends to run in their first marathon in his honor.

In between the various events and initiatives described above, numerous groups and individual Team Reeve® All Stars raised support for the Reeve Foundation’s programs and services. The list of local and regional volunteer fundraising activities on behalf of the Reeve Foundation continues to expand in terms of both type and location. While space precludes us from recognizing all of these vital supporters, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation to each and every volunteer and donor who helps to advance the Reeve Foundation’s mission.

For more information about organizing or participating in an event in your area, contact us at 1-800-225-0292 x7114 or events@ChristopherReeve.org; for more information about Team Reeve All Star Athletic and Marathon programs, call 1-800-225-0292 x7229 or email TeamReeve@ChristopherReeve.org.

For more information on event and athletic fundraising, please visit TeamReeve.org.

November 2011

With Team Reeve NYC being the foundation of our marathon program—our largest team each year—we read hundreds of stories from applicants interested in joining us. Every one is touching, some make us laugh out loud, but the ones that get us every time are those of personal triumph—an injury and chance to walk and run again.

Regina Iannuzzi came to us shortly after an injury from a fall at her family’s farm in Vermont. Goals in her life had changed she said, and being a part of Team Reeve NYC was one of them. Regina completed the 26.2 mile course with tears, smiles, and the title of top individual fundraiser for the year!
The Reeve Foundation hosted its annual star-studded *A Magical Evening* fundraising gala on Wednesday, November 30th at Cipriani Wall Street in New York City. Longtime Reeve Foundation supporters Alec Baldwin and Meryl Streep gave welcoming remarks. Other special guests included actors Mark Ruffalo, Dave Annable, and Christopher Reeve’s children Matthew Reeve, Alexandra Reeve Givens, and Will Reeve. *A Magical Evening* 2011 was the most successful gala to date, raising close to $3 million to help fulfill the Reeve Foundation’s mission.

The success of the 2011 gala was a tremendous reflection on the honorees. Close friend of Christopher and Dana Reeve and former Foundation Board Chairman Peter D. Kiernan, III, was presented with the 2011 *Dana Reeve HOPE Award* by Matthew, Alexandra, and Will. The award recognized his incredible vision, leadership, expert guidance, and steadfast devotion to the Reeve Foundation. Peter coined the phrase, ‘it’s up to us,’ a mantra that carried our staff and community through the tumultuous time following the untimely passings of Christopher and Dana.

LPGA World Golf Hall of Famer Karrie Webb was presented with the 2011 *Christopher Reeve Spirit of Courage Award*. As a steadfast friend and supporter of the Reeve Foundation, Karrie was recognized for her dedication to improving the lives of those living with paralysis. Karrie’s ties to our mission run deep, as stated by Alexandra when she said, “Karrie has experienced firsthand just how inspiring someone living with a spinal cord injury can be.” Her coach and mentor, Kelvin Haller, has been living with quadriplegia for two decades. Alexandra continued, “As remarkable as Karrie’s accomplishments on the golf course are, we believe that her greatest contributions have happened off the course,” referring to Karrie’s decade of generous support to the Reeve Foundation.

Hope and progress were the evening’s themes from beginning to end, as Rutgers University student and football player Eric LeGrand opened the event with an inspirational video and remarks about his participation and progress in the Reeve Foundation NeuroRecovery Network™. The program ended with a true standing ovation as Rob Summers stood while bearing his own weight, demonstrating the unprecedented results of the Reeve-funded epidural stimulation study.
DONOR SPOTLIGHTS

Capping off the year with an extraordinary $500,000 pledge from an annual major donor, the Reeve Foundation’s Individual Giving program continued to diversify and expand. Generous donors included the Reeve Foundation in estate plans, made thoughtful contributions in honor and memory of loved ones, committed support through monthly giving, and increased annual gifts using every method available—from online and offline donations, to wire transfers and stock gifts, to checks in the mail and credit card donations over the phone, to family foundation grants and workplace or community giving programs. We are pleased to share several spotlights of our amazing donors whose stories exemplify the many ways that individuals and families can and do give.

In Loving Tribute

Buddy Cohen would have celebrated his 80th birthday less than two weeks after he passed away in June 2011, and for all of his eight decades, Buddy lived a life filled with purpose and passion. A Brooklyn boy, he started his own athletic club with his friends and was an avid sportsman and fan. Buddy’s devotion to his family was infinite, and his love of life extended to animals of all kinds. In addition to a successful financial career, Buddy’s interests included travel and the arts. He was truly a Renaissance man. Buddy sustained a spinal cord injury in 2005, but with the support of his loved ones and caregivers, he continued to engage in favorite activities. All the while, in the words of his family, “He could light up a room and greeted everyone with a warm smile and twinkle in his eye.” Buddy’s daughter-in-law, Nancy, ran the ING New York City Marathon for Team Reeve® in 2009 on behalf of Buddy, writing in her application, “Twenty years ago, I was lucky to marry a great guy. The bonus was a very loving, gregarious, and physically active father-in-law, Buddy Cohen.” When Buddy passed away, dozens of his friends and loved ones made gifts in his memory to the Reeve Foundation, and his life, light, and legacy continue on in our work.

Monthly Support Makes a Difference

Each month for the past decade, Sharon Frick has donated faithfully to the Reeve Foundation. As a member of our monthly sustainer giving program, Heroes for Hope, Sharon’s inspiration for steadfastly supporting the Reeve Foundation’s work is her late brother-in-law, who sustained a spinal cord injury in a fall. Doubling the size of her monthly contribution this year, Sharon feels compelled to give back to help other families because she understands the challenges faced by their loved ones. Monthly donations to the Reeve Foundation can be arranged in whatever manner is most convenient for donors, whether through automatic payments, online donations, or gifts mailed to our offices. Sharon emphasizes, “I give thinking that eventually it will make a difference for someone.”

Annual Major Giving is Vital to Programs

Nancy Anisfield and Terry Wilson aren’t interested in fanfare or attention. Recognition is not important to them, and they agreed to share their story of their generous commitment to the Reeve Foundation—not because they are seeking accolades but because they hope that by doing so, they will help encourage others to give. Their generous and consistent annual giving pays homage to Terry’s late cousin, Arthur “AJ” Devincenzi, who lived valiantly with quadriplegia for the last six years of his life. “AJ lived to see the Red Sox win the World Series and his grandchildren born,” says Nancy, whose family’s philanthropy reflects a simple core value system of working hard, sharing good fortune, and giving back to the community. Nancy and Terry believe research is the key to better care and cures. They feel very fortunate to be able to provide support for these Reeve Foundation priorities.
DONOR SPOTLIGHTS (CONT.)

Planning for Our Mission’s Future

From being a monthly giver who contributes regularly online to becoming a planned giver who has included the Reeve Foundation in her will, Dawn Beattie has made a lifetime commitment to our mission. This commitment stems from her own profound experiences and passions. In the same year that Christopher Reeve’s life changed in an instant when he sustained a spinal cord injury, Dawn was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She was 34 years old, an avid runner, and a senior-level employee at a California company. Though she had to slow down in her routines substantially and leave her job on permanent disability, Dawn chose to focus on the positive and learned skills such as photography. Since her diagnosis 17 years ago, Dawn has captained MS Walk teams and has been a significant fundraiser for this sister cause. Curing paralysis in all its causes and forms and caring for all people living with paralysis have become unexpected personal missions for this phenomenal woman.

To donate to the Reeve Foundation today, including tribute giving, monthly giving, outright giving, and online giving, call (800) 225-0292 x7112, please visit ChristopherReeve.org/donate, or email us at donations@ChristopherReeve.org.

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 us at plannedgiving@ChristopherReeve.org.

Community Members Giving Online

“I’m always looking forward and keeping busy—getting up every day, coming to work, and staying active,” says Chris Higgins. Living with a spinal cord injury for more than 11 years, Chris applies his drive and energy to all aspects of his life, from work, to family, to friends, to fun. The Higgins family has deep roots in the town of Barre, Massachusetts with a family business that began with antiques sales, which led to wood stoves and chain saws, and then to recreational vehicles. Today, Higgins Powersports/Higgins Energy Alternatives is expanding to a larger space—while the Higgins family is also growing support for the Reeve Foundation not only by making their own generous gifts online each year, but also by encouraging others to give through a company social media campaign. Chris enthusiastically shares ideas for ways community members can work together toward our greater good, and with creativity like his, the possibilities are endless.
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The Reeve Foundation’s corporate and foundation donors came together to create one of the best institutional fundraising years in our organization’s history. With more than $2 million raised last year through donations from these partners, the Reeve Foundation was able to strengthen and expand many programs and services while engaging new supporters and community members. We’d like to say thank you!

Foundation Giving

The Walkabout Foundation, a longtime friend of the Reeve Foundation, capped off an outstanding year with a visionary gift to support the groundbreaking Epidural Stimulation Project in Reeve-funded laboratories. Steadfast supporter F.M. Kirby Foundation, a donor for more than two decades, increased their grant to allow Reeve Foundation scientists to pursue promising basic science leads. Henry H. Kessler Foundation made an outstanding gift to underwrite the leading-edge clinical research of the epidural stimulation study. Travis Roy Foundation and Amerisure Charitable Foundation, both unwavering supporters of Reeve Foundation research, made leadership gifts to undergird investigations into potential therapies for spinal cord injury. Craig H. Neilsen Foundation, Newman’s Own Foundation, Mellam Family Foundation, Morgan Stanley Foundation, The Telluray Foundation, The Provident Bank Foundation, and a foundation that wishes to remain anonymous also made major contributions to strengthen Reeve Foundation research and quality of life programs in 2011. The generosity of these forward-thinking foundations is allowing the Reeve Foundation to make incredible progress in 2012—while also establishing the groundwork for continued progress in the years ahead.

Corporate Giving

In 2011, our corporate friends stepped forward to provide critical support that allowed the Reeve Foundation to expand our capacity to serve the paralysis community and, in Reeve-funded laboratories, to make progress in identifying therapies and cures for spinal cord injury. When Hot Toys LLC created their popular, extremely life-like Superman Collectible Figure featuring Christopher Reeve as Superman®, they decided to give back to the Reeve Foundation as a tribute to the actor who made the movie franchise iconic. In doing so, Hot Toys made the largest corporate contribution to the Foundation in 2011. Through their celebrated “Tied to a Cause” program, corporate partner vineyard vines® created a special custom designed Reeve Foundation tie (featuring tiny super heroes) and donated 100 percent of tie sales throughout the month of June. vineyard vines also held four in-store charity shopping events in Greenwich, Boston, Georgetown, and Southampton in June, making a meaningful contribution to the Foundation. RollX Vans continued making generous monthly contributions through its customer designation program; Leo Schachter & Co. made a gift in recognition of the outstanding work of the Foundation; and long-time corporate partners Brink’s Company, Colorblends/Schipper & Co. USA, and Cure Medical helped to bolster Reeve Foundation research and quality of life programs and raise awareness of the challenges faced by the paralysis community through their leadership and financial support.
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# Consolidated Statements of Activities

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## Expenses

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**Total expenses** | 16,331,379 | 16,331,379 | 14,540,650 |

## Change in Net Assets

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