



CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS TRANSITION HOPE RECEIVES \$25,000 QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT FROM CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION FOR ADAPTIVE COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

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AUSTIN, TX – JANUARY 31, 2022 – Cerebral Palsy Awareness Transition Hope (CPATH) is proud to announce that it has been awarded **\$25,000** as part of [the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center \(NPRC\) 2021 2nd Cycle Direct Effect Quality of Life grants](#). As a first-time recipient of this prestigious award, CPATH remains committed to providing comprehensive programming that aligns with our funders' mission. From our adaptive community programming and Camp CPals initiatives to Morgan's Wonderland trips, all allow those living with Cerebral Palsy to have a better quality of life through a fully-accessible design. Additionally, everyone from kids and adolescent teens to adults feel included and empowered while engaging in adaptive activities that promote increased disability awareness and independence. Coupled with our steadfast dedication to educate the community about the challenges Central Texas children with paralysis face, made CPATH stand out from the competition and win this distinguished honor.

CPATH strives to assist families during transitional stages when their child with Cerebral Palsy experiences development delays by connecting them to valuable resources that are essential to leading productive, healthy lives. It also ensures they have access to personalized support, helping identify the nonprofit as an ideal candidate to receive the Quality of Life Grant during the foundation's selection process. As the winner of one of 67 grants totaling \$1,403,071, CPATH intends to use the award to promote its adaptive community programming initiatives. It includes competitive team sports and experiences that range in scope to promote inclusive participation regardless of an individual's physical ability.

Power Wheelchair Soccer which allows disabled kids ages five and up a chance to maneuver around the field while independently and safely operating a power wheelchair. It's perfect for introducing children with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries and more to the world of adaptive and inclusive competitive team sports.

Indoor Rock Wall Climbing, where participants feel empowered to ascend ceiling-high boulders while using a fully accessible seat.

Sled Hockey gives players with a physical disability an alternative to traditional ice hockey through a three-on-three exhibition game with an adaptive design.

Camp CPALS, an adaptive overnight weekend camping experience complete with fully-accessible activities that promote inclusiveness, including archery, horseback riding, zip lining and more.

Morgan's Wonderland, where families spend the day in San Antonio with full access to themepark attractions spread across an inclusive 25-acre oasis.

"The Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grant provides CPATH the opportunity to galvanize more adaptive community-based programs in Central Texas," said CPATH President Victoria Polega. "These funds will purchase equipment for our power wheelchair soccer team (GO Green Machines!), enhance community events such as adaptive ice skating and climbing, and supports existing programming such as Camp CPals and our annual Morgan's Wonderland Day. We are grateful to the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation for this honored opportunity and look forward to sharing each milestone with the community."



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Helping Navigate a Cerebral Palsy Path

“This cycle of Direct Effect grant projects offers a robust and impactful addition to our Quality of Life grants program,” said Mark Bogosian, Director, Quality of Life Grants Program, Reeve Foundation. “Grant funds are supporting wide-ranging projects including accessible community areas, adaptive sports and fitness & wellness, consumer education, peer mentoring & support, and transportation. These projects represent the true essence of our Quality of Life grants program by fostering inclusion, involvement and community engagement, and promoting health and wellness for those affected by paralysis.”

The Quality of Life Grants Program supports nonprofit organizations that empower individuals living with paralysis. Since the Quality of Life Grants Program’s inception, more than 3,490 grants totaling over \$36 million have been awarded. Funding for this program was made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL grant #90PRRC0006-01-00). The Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center has several grants under the Quality of Life program awarding grants in different category areas, varying in different amounts. The Direct Effect Quality of Life grants program funds organizations up to \$25,000 to support a wide range of projects and activities that will impact individuals living with paralysis and their families.

About the Reeve Foundation:

The [Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation](http://www.ChristopherReeve.org) is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research and improving the quality of life for individuals and families impacted by paralysis. By uniting the brightest minds in the field, we are working tirelessly to accelerate scientific discovery across the field of spinal cord research by investing in labs across the globe. Additionally, through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living, the Reeve Foundation’s National [Paralysis Resource Center](http://www.ChristopherReeve.org) (NPRC) promotes the health, well-being, and independence of people living with paralysis, providing comprehensive information, resources, and referral services assisting over 100,000 individuals and families since its launch in 2002. The Reeve Foundation is committed to elevating our community’s voices and needs to achieve greater representation and independence. We meet all 20 of the Better Business Bureau’s standards for charity accountability and hold the BBB’s Charity Seal. For more information, please visit our website at www.ChristopherReeve.org or call 800-225-0292.

CPATH provides resources, support, and financial assistance to a community of interconnected families and individuals living with cerebral palsy, to access resources, build awareness, and pursue acceptance for all.

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About CPATH

CPATH provides resources, support, and financial assistance to individuals and families living with cerebral palsy. CP is a lifelong disability, the most common motor disability in childhood, which according to the CDC affects 1 in 323 children. As a movement disorder, the symptoms of cerebral palsy vary greatly and worldwide affect more than 17 million people.