



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Hannah Gavios crossing the finish line after completing the entire 26.2 miles of the 2018 TCS New York City Marathon on crutches. She is one of the more than 50 Team Reeve members who participated in the marathon to raise money for individuals living with paralysis nationwide.



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# Message from the Chairman of the Board and the President & CEO

As we come together to reflect on another year for our community, a simple quote from Christopher Reeve comes to mind.

***“In the face of adversity, hope often comes in the form of a friend who reaches out to us.”***

In many ways, this is the essence of what we do. Each day that connection and hope make up the two parts of our mission—today’s care, tomorrow’s cure—and form an unbreakable bond that reflects what matters most to this Foundation—improving quality of life for all individuals living with paralysis.

Over the years, we’ve come together as caring and dedicated national group with a shared goal to discover cures, yet each of us brings our own time, talents and resources to the cause.

At the core of our family are the tens of thousands of people who reach out to the Reeve Foundation for help and for hope. They push us to work harder, smarter and with greater resolve. Within our family we have thousands of advocates who demand that the needs of the paralysis community are seen and heard. There are those who have joined us through our events, our personal appeals and, of course, their social networks to selflessly raise the funds required to shape and advance our mission. And let’s not forget the researchers who will make tomorrow’s discoveries possible.

Like a family, we rely on each other in times of difficulty and rejoice together in times of triumph—and this past year, we have seen our fair share of triumph. With the tremendous promise on tomorrow’s horizon, we continue to find inspiration in Christopher Reeve’s vision which ignited the reality we are fulfilling today.

While we still face adversity, our greatest hope comes from you, our most ardent and steadfast supporters, who make progress possible to transform our work into tangible results. Thank you for being part of our family.



John M. Hughes, *Chairman*



Peter Wilderotter, *President & CEO*



# Research

**TRANSFORMING CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH INTO LIFE-CHANGING ADVANCEMENTS**

## [THE BIG IDEA]

As of December 2018, the team at University of Louisville had implanted four participants with epidural stimulators. The participants include one woman and three men ranging in age from 19 to 60. Screening for additional participants is ongoing and there are at least 10 participants who are now in the Usual Care phase of the protocol (meaning they were deemed scientifically and medically eligible for participation in the study and have now returned home to continue on with their current daily activities for a period at least 80 days without any intervention). Upon their return to Louisville after Usual Care, they will undergo pre-implant assessments, and then be scheduled for implants in early 2019. Several more candidates will be consented into Usual Care by year-end.

Between September and October, epidural stimulation research was published in *Nature* (twice), *The New England Journal of Medicine* and *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA). All of these papers featured individuals who were paralyzed for years and, as a result of epidural stimulation, they were able to voluntarily take steps. Although these studies did not include The Big Idea participants, the fact that these studies were conducted at different labs cannot be overstated. University of Louisville, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), the Mayo Clinic, and now Swiss Federal Institute of Technology have all replicated similar results.

For more information or to help The Big Idea reach its \$15 million goal, visit [ReeveBigIdea.org](http://ReeveBigIdea.org).



Stefanie Putnam, one of The Big Idea participants who saw significant improvements in her cardiovascular function as a result of epidural stimulation.



## NORTH AMERICAN CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK® (NACTN)

The **Riluzole in Spinal Cord Injury Study (RISCIS)** enrolled 154 out of the target 351 subjects at the end of 2018. The multi-center, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blinded trial is designed to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Riluzole in the treatment of patients with acute spinal cord injuries. Riluzole aids in preventing cell death and has been widely studied for neurotrauma and neurodegenerative disease. This drug is approved for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) but is not approved for spinal cord injury. Currently there are 27 total sites worldwide open for enrollment for the RISCIS trial with additional sites opening in the future.

To understand how the body actually processes the drug, a sub-study of Riluzole's pharmacology (PK) enrolled 25 out of the target 50 subjects by the end of 2018. The PK sub-study is being conducted only by the NACTN clinical centers participating in RISCIS and is wholly funded by the two-year, \$2.5 million Department of Defense (DOD) contract awarded to the Reeve Foundation in 2016.

## NEURORECOVERY NETWORK® (NRN)

In 2018, the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation NeuroRecovery Network® (NRN) expanded its reach to include additional centers with different levels of therapies. **NRN Affiliates** are community fitness and wellness facilities offering some, but not all, of the NRN's standardized, activity-based interventions. Affiliates are held to the same rigorous levels of training and protocol deployment as full members. Additionally, their teams participate in the annual NRN Summit and ongoing education, as well as have access to all new findings that emerge from NRN research. To date the network includes two NRN Affiliates, NextStep Kansas City in Overland Park, Kansas, and NextStep Orlando in Florida.

To learn more, visit [ChristopherReeve.org/research](https://ChristopherReeve.org/research)

## RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT



Matthew Reeve helped celebrate the launch of **Neurokinex Kids**, the first international community fitness and wellness affiliate of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation's NeuroRecovery Network® (NRN). The Gatwick-based facility provides children in the United Kingdom with cutting-edge activity-based therapies which support muscle development and stimulation of the spinal cord at the same time. At the grand opening, Reeve shared his thoughts on how the facility was continuing to drive his father's mission forward.

"We look forward to hearing more success stories from this Gatwick facility and we're confident that more and more people living with paralysis will continue to benefit from the NRN's approach to improved care, recovery, and rehabilitation," said Reeve.

# PARALYSIS RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)

## PRC EXPANDS RESOURCES AND SERVICES FOR THE PARALYSIS COMMUNITY

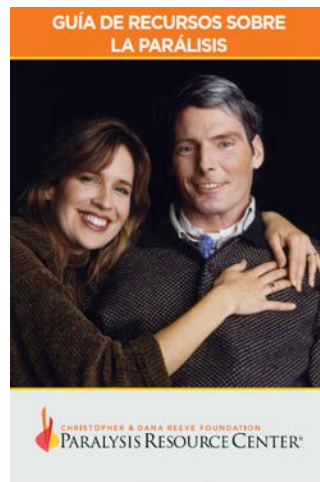
Thanks to Dana Reeve's incredible vision and understanding of the world through a caregiver's eyes, people living with paralysis, as well as those who care for them, have a unique place to come together for support. In 2018, the PRC continued to improve the depth and breadth of its offerings by adding many new resources and outreach opportunities. Here are just a few.

### NEW HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES

#### Updated Spanish *Paralysis Resource Guide*

The newly updated 4th edition of the *Paralysis Resource Guide (PRG)* was released in a Spanish version titled *Guía de Recursos Sobre la Parálisis*. Since 2002, when the PRG was first established, more than 25,000 Spanish language copies have been distributed. The newly revamped Spanish version features the most up-to-date content, more culturally appropriate photos and external links to Spanish language content. This PRG is a valuable tool for Spanish language speakers to receive quality information without the risk of details being lost in translation.

In addition to the English and Spanish versions, the PRG is available in an audio version and chapters 1 and 2, which pertain directly to paralysis and secondary health conditions, are available in 11 other languages. To order a FREE copy, please call (800) 539-7309, email [infospecialist@ChristopherReeve.org](mailto:infospecialist@ChristopherReeve.org) or go to [ChristopherReeve.org/Guide](http://ChristopherReeve.org/Guide).



*“I don't think I could have gotten to where I am today by myself. I want to make sure others know what an invaluable resource the Reeve Foundation can be.”*

—Linda Tobin, Moorhead, Minnesota

### NEW MILITARY & VETERAN PROGRAM (MVP) RESOURCES

#### Military Benefits Videos

As part of an ongoing effort to connect all service members, veterans and their caregivers with resources and programs related to life with paralysis, the Reeve Foundation's Military & Veteran Program developed a partnership with AMVETS (American Veterans), the nation's most inclusive Congressionally-chartered veterans service organization. Together, AMVETS and the Reeve Foundation created two articles and four videos to outline a user-friendly overview of available military benefits and eligibility requirements, as well as tips to navigate the Veterans Administration system and application process for disability-related benefits. AMVETS Heal Program also serves as an important resource for military medical needs.

To access these and other MVP resources, visit

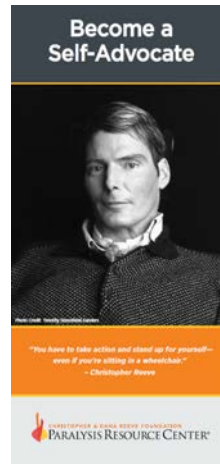
[ChristopherReeve.org/MVP](http://ChristopherReeve.org/MVP)



## NEW QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCES

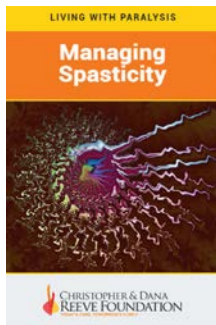
### Become a Self-Advocate Brochure

Whether an individual needs to self-advocate with a medical professional, insurance company, employer or family member, it is important to remember that the other person's needs and opinions matter. In partnership with healthcare product manufacturer Hollister, the Reeve Foundation created a new self-advocacy brochure which includes an easy-to-follow self-advocacy guide and other helpful resources.



### Peer & Family Support Program Videos

To highlight the important value and benefits of the Peer & Family Support Program, six testimonial videos, in which peers and mentors share their stories and discuss the impact that mentoring has had on their lives, were added to the Reeve Foundation YouTube channel and have received more than 10,000 views since they debuted.



### Managing Spasticity and Preparing to Transition Home Booklet

Spasticity can be a significant health issue and common secondary condition across all types of paralysis. Spasticity often triggers pain and pain can trigger spasticity. The newly updated second edition of the *Managing Spasticity* booklet includes a more in-depth explanation of the causes and management of spasticity as well as expanded resources and treatment options.

The new *Preparing to Transition Home* booklet offers detailed information about what to consider before discharge from inpatient rehabilitation. Produced in partnership with Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado and healthcare product manufacturer Hollister, this extensive 32-page booklet covers a wealth of resources and tools, including easy-to-follow checklists, considerations, and timelines to help alleviate anxiety and make individuals feel more prepared to make this move. Transition to home and other topics are also featured in Nurse Linda's October webinar.



Visit the **Reeve Foundation YouTube channel** for health videos and archived webinars. Our full selection of free health management and quality of life booklets and brochures are available to download at [ChristopherReeve.org/about-us/publications](https://www.ChristopherReeve.org/about-us/publications). Additional booklets and videos will be included in the coming months.

# Quality of Life Grants

**MORE THAN \$1,750,000 AWARDED TO 98 PROGRAMS IN 2018**



**Abilitree**  
Bend, Oregon  
\$50,000 for Employment

Within the first six months of receiving grant funding, Abilitree expanded job development services for people with disabilities to areas of rural Central Oregon. The project showed exceptional impact creating dozens of new business relationships in rural areas, recruiting 13 rural students for its Rural Internship Program and securing six job placements with 100% retention rates.



**Center for People with Disabilities**  
Boulder, Colorado  
\$40,000 for Nursing Home Transitions

With grant funding, the Center for People with Disabilities expanded its program to increase the number of people living with paralysis who transition from living in facilities to their own homes or communities, impacting 18 individuals to date. The Center has also developed and implemented innovative ideas to overcome the lack of affordable and accessible housing in the region.



**Triangle, Inc.**  
Malden, Massachusetts  
\$13,620 for Sexual Abuse Prevention

Developing a curriculum that helps prevent sexual abuse of people with disabilities is critical. Triangle, Inc. will have potential nationwide impact through using grant funding to develop and disseminate a replicable five-session sexual abuse prevention curriculum for leaders, staff, and volunteers of adaptive sports organizations.



**Council for Court Excellence**  
Washington, D.C.  
\$15,494 for Improving Accessibility of Educational Resources

Support by grant funding and designed to have potential national impact, a new educational guide, "Making Life Decisions, Managing Affairs, & Helping Loved Ones: A Non-Lawyer's Guide to the Legal Tools for Assisting Adults in the District of Columbia," will make complex legal terms and situations understandable and could be used as a template for other cities and states.

To learn more, visit [ChristopherReeve.org/qol](https://ChristopherReeve.org/qol)



# ADVOCACY

*“You have to take action and stand up for yourself—even if you’re sitting in a wheelchair.”*

—Christopher Reeve

Last year, hundreds of advocates connected with lawmakers to educate them on Paralysis Resources Center (PRC) funding, health care access, civil rights and improvements to air travel for individuals living with disabilities. Thanks to those who acted on behalf of the many millions of Americans living with paralysis, our 2018 accomplishments include:

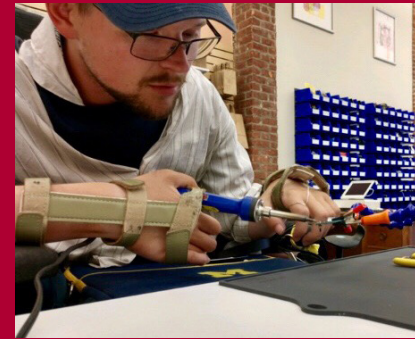
**Medicare therapy services cap eliminated.** This cap restricted the amount of physical, occupational and speech therapy a Medicare beneficiary could receive. Medicare is required to provide rehab services not only to improve function, but to maintain it or prevent further deterioration of function. Now, individuals living with paralysis will no longer be denied therapy if they need it to help enhance their rehabilitation, health and recovery.

**Air Carrier Access Amendments Act passed.** The *Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA)* protects passengers with disabilities and their equipment in air travel. In the *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018* key measures were passed to protect the rights of disabled airplane passengers and close service gaps that passengers with disabilities frequently encounter in air travel. Reforms included strengthening ACAA enforcement, an in-cabin wheelchair restraint systems study, and the creation of an airline passengers with disabilities Bill of Rights, as well as an Advisory Committee to assess the air travel needs of passengers with disabilities.

In April, Will Reeve was part of a select group invited to testify before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and related agencies on behalf of the Reeve Foundation. In his comments, Reeve successfully advocated to increase federal resources for the Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) by nearly \$1 million, which brought a total increase in 2018 to nearly \$2 million. With these additional resources, the PRC can expand its life-saving programs to offer a continuum of optimal care to the greater paralysis community through personalized support, local resources, peer mentorship and grant opportunities.

To learn more, visit [ChristopherReeve.org/advocacy](http://ChristopherReeve.org/advocacy)

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: JAMES MURTHA



Four years ago, James Murtha sustained a spinal cord injury while riding a mountain bike resulting in paralysis at the C-4 vertebrae in his neck. He now lives with quadriplegia with no movement of his legs and hands, as well as limited arm movement and control.

“As someone who lives with paralysis, I want others to know that if you work hard enough, you can become your best self,” says Murtha, 29, who recently graduated with his master’s in social work from the University of Michigan. “Paralysis can become a fact, rather than a factor, when you open yourself up and live courageously.”

Following his injury, Murtha wasted no time getting involved with community advocacy initiatives, including the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living where he serves as a peer mentor and community educator, as well as with the Reeve Foundation as a peer mentor and Regional Champion.

“I support the Reeve Foundation because I believe in their mission and want to see people live their best life possible with paralysis,” says Murtha. “The Reeve Foundation has influenced me to get out of my comfort zone and stretch beyond my beliefs about my capabilities, particularly with grassroots advocacy.”

In December, the Reeve Foundation nominated Murtha to serve on the Family Caregiving Advisory Council as part of the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act of 2017. If selected, he would be a critical voice for the younger generation of individuals living with disabilities.

“The Reeve Foundation is a beacon of hope and a symbol of continued growth and strength alongside of difficult circumstances,” says Murtha. “My hopes and dreams for the future are to see everyone going through paralysis to have the opportunities I did to improve myself, reinvent myself, and give back.”



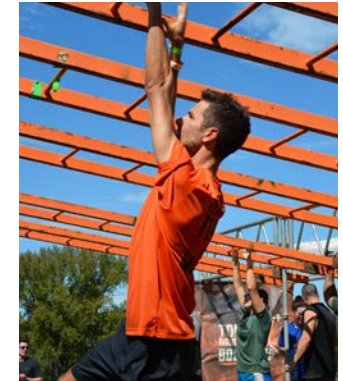
**MORE THAN 4,000 TEAM REEVE PARTICIPANTS  
HAVE RAISED MORE THAN \$8.5 MILLION TO DATE**

In March, Will Reeve announced his new role as **Captain of Team Reeve** and his goal to continue to see the program grow and thrive. In a special letter to the Reeve Foundation community, Reeve wrote:

*"Joining Team Reeve made me realize that I could tangibly move our mission forward through my participation and actions. Running for Team Reeve was a personal goal; raising thousands of dollars for the Reeve Foundation in the process was something much bigger.*

*"As Captain, I will work to recruit supporters and raise critically needed funds and awareness for individuals living with paralysis. From Tough Mudders to marathons to social gatherings in your hometown, the opportunities to make a difference through Team Reeve are limitless.*

*"Join me and together let's change the world for the millions of families impacted by paralysis. See you at the finish line."*



Eighteen Team Reeve members joined Will Reeve to tackle ten miles and more than 20 obstacles in the **2018 Nashville Tough Mudder** and raised close to \$60,000 for Team Reeve. Last year, the Reeve Foundation became part of the official Tough Mudder Charity Family, allowing Team Reeve fundraisers to participate in Tough Mudder events and make mud matter by raising critical dollars for the Reeve Foundation. With more than 30 events around the country each year, Tough Mudders offer a great opportunity for people of all abilities to come together as a team to support each other and the advancement of cures and therapies for spinal cord injury.



Many of the 25 participants in the **2018 Bank of America Chicago Marathon** blew past their fundraising goals to raise a combined total of almost \$100,000, more than triple the amount raised in previous years. With many prior TCS New York City Marathon Team Reeve participants running and several Reeve Foundation board members cheering their support, the event was an incredible representation of what can be accomplished when many work together toward a shared mission.



There was no shortage of incredible stories behind the 50 Team Reeve participants in the **2018 TCS New York City Marathon**. Representing an inspiring range of ages, backgrounds and abilities, this year's participants raised close to \$400,000 for Team Reeve and included a third-place overall finish and the top U.S. male spot for handcyclist Dennis McGorty, as well as first-time participation from several Reeve Foundation staff and a spinal cord researcher.

One story that truly captured the spirit of the effort was Hannah Gavios' who crutched the entire 26.2 miles in 11 hours. Just two years earlier, she was paralyzed after fleeing an attacker in Southeast Asia. Inspired by Gavios' unwavering courage and sheer determination, several Reeve Foundation staff and board members joined Gavios as she finished the last mile of the marathon in the dark and hundreds greeted her at the finish line with thunderous applause.

**JOIN THE TEAM!** Learn more at [TeamReeve.org](https://www.TeamReeve.org)

## TEAM REEVE® SPOTLIGHT: STEPHANIE STIFEL COUGHLAN

Anyone who has faced a great challenge knows that hope and inspiration can often show up when it is needed most. For Stephanie Stifel Coughlan, it happened during a 22-mile grueling run while training for the 2018 TCS New York City Marathon.

"I was 10 miles from home when the freezing rain and hail started. My whole body froze up stiff. I knew I couldn't walk all the way home," says Coughlan. "I turned inward for strength, looked to the heavens and prayed for help from my dad and grandfather. As I slowly regained my confidence and began to run again, a strong feeling of connection to my dad helped, as a feeling of being lifted by my shoulders, carried me home."

Coughlan's father, Hank Stifel, was the pioneer who recognized that spinal cord research was the only way to find a cure. After Coughlan's brother, Henry, was injured in a 1982 car accident, Hank formed the Stifel Paralysis Research Foundation (the Reeve Foundation today), which started as a community effort and grew into a national movement.

"My dad transformed the field by creating the first ever spinal cord research science symposium that was the seed for some of the most important research breakthroughs right now," says Coughlan. "Running my first marathon was a way to pay tribute to my family and honor Henry who gets so much joy out of motivating and inspiring people from the marathon sidelines each year."

Coughlan set an ambitious goal and became the top individual fundraiser for the marathon this year, raising more than \$20,000.

"Making this commitment was no small task physically, emotionally, or financially," says Coughlan. "Yet my effort was temporary and gives me tremendous respect for the perseverance people living with a spinal cord injury must demonstrate every day."







# REEVE FOUNDATION TEAM LEGRAND

## ERIC LEGRAND SETS NEW \$2 MILLION GOAL

Eric LeGrand's ceaseless enthusiasm continues to inspire new opportunities and support as he grows and expands Team LeGrand's events and awareness each year. His momentum builds as he pushes toward his new \$2 million fundraising goal.



In April, the first annual **Eric LeGrand Flag Football Tournament** drew more than 400 participants to play on 40 seven-on-seven teams in two levels of competition. LeGrand told NJ.com, "Football is who I am, I played for the university, this is how everyone knows me. Why not do a flag football tournament right here at Rutgers and get everyone involved." The intense, bracket-style tournament culminated with a final round at Rutgers University's High Point Solutions Stadium in the pouring rain. The championship team won bragging rights and a replica World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Championship belt signed by professional wrestler Triple H. Several former NFL players and current Rutgers University football players participated in the all-day tournament which raised close to \$40,000.

The 8th annual **A Walk to Believe** at Rutgers University's High Point Solutions Stadium included a dramatic addition this year with a special ride by professional BMX rider Scotty Cranmer. In 2016, Cranmer was one of the leading BMX bikers in the sport when he broke his neck and was told he might never walk again. He proved the doctors wrong and rode his bike at A Walk to Believe. In addition to the more than 1,200 people in attendance, the event welcomed furry participants from a local animal shelter. The 5K walk, run and roll raised more than \$125,000 for Team LeGrand.



The 6th annual **An Evening with Eric LeGrand** hosted by Newroads Financial Group of Clinton, NJ, raised a record-breaking \$60,000 for Team LeGrand. WFAN Sports Radio hosts Chris Carlin, Maggie Gray and Bart Scott kicked off the event by airing live from the event venue on their midday show. Carlin later emceed the evening festivities, which included two auctions and more than 100 attendees. The event has raised more than \$267,000 to date.



To join Team LeGrand, visit [TeamLeGrand.org](http://TeamLeGrand.org)

# A Magical Evening

**MORE THAN \$1 MILLION RAISED**



Sixteen-year-old Grace Gaustad first appeared on the *Magical Evening* stage at 4-years-old when she shared a dance with Donny Osmond. She returned this year to sing one of her original songs.



Will Reeve and National Hockey League (NHL) Commissioner Gary Bettman engaged in a lively conversation about the important bond between the NHL and the Reeve Foundation. Since 1993, Bettman has guided the world's top professional hockey league through more than two decades of growth and advancement on and off the ice. His care and compassion for the families impacted by paralysis proves that the hockey community never abandons a teammate in their time of need. Several former hockey players joined the two on stage including six-time Stanley Cup Champion and hockey hall of famer Mark Messier who presented Bettman with the **Arnold H Snider Visionary Leadership Award**.



Alexandra Reeve Givens presented the **Christopher Reeve Spirit of Courage Award** to Mike Fordyce, the newly-retired President and CEO of Craig Hospital. Part of the Reeve Foundation's NeuroRecovery Network®, Craig Hospital became a world-renowned specialty rehabilitation and research center under Fordyce's leadership through developing and providing cutting-edge therapies that rapidly improve health, independence, and quality of life. In his acceptance speech, Fordyce spoke compassionately about an employee and good friend who lived with paralysis and helped inspire Fordyce's success.





Hannah Gavios recently completed the 2018 TCS New York City Marathon on crutches in 11 hours as part of Team Reeve®. In her emotional closing remarks for the evening, Gavios said, "I want to thank all of you for doing your part in making our present achievements a reality. But even more so, I want to challenge you to face your fears and continue doing whatever it takes to bring this incredible research forward."



During the gala event, the Reeve Foundation hosted a Facebook Live segment featuring interviews with more than a dozen prominent members of the paralysis community, including:

- Jen and Chris Bridgman (pictured), 2017 Christopher Reeve Spirit of Courage Award recipients
- Victor Calise, the commissioner for the New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
- Garrett Fitzgerald, former secret service agent who was injured in the line of duty

By the end of December 2018, the Facebook Live segment had reached approximately 24,000 people.



2013 Christopher Reeve Spirit of Courage Award winner and founder of Clark's Botanicals, Francesco Clark, welcomed an intrepid crowd to the 27th annual *A Magical Evening*. More than 400 attendees braved the first major winter storm of the season to celebrate their connection to the Reeve Foundation's work at the gala. Clark offered a moving impromptu recap of the efforts it took for him to get to the event through the storm as a person using a wheelchair.



Emmy-award winning actor Keith David offered the champagne toast and spoke of his gratitude to be part of the evening's events. He told the audience, "You're very presence here is a testimony that you understand that when we unite in a common cause to help one another, life changing differences can be made."



Actor Richard Kind made several appearances on the *Magical Evening* stage throughout the night. Kind attended his first Reeve Foundation annual gala event in 2003 and continues to offer his unwavering support for the paralysis community.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MANY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR RAISED AWARENESS AND SUPPORT NATIONWIDE



For the fourth consecutive year, the **Mikey Strong Charity Hockey Game** brought together more than 2,000 people at the Prudential Center, home of the New Jersey Devils, to support Mike Nichols who sustained a spinal cord injury during a 2014 hockey game. Sponsored by radio personalities Boomer Esiason and Greg "Gio" Gianotti, of New York's WFAN station, the annual event has raised more than \$250,000 for the Nichols family and the Reeve Foundation to date. Will Reeve faced off in this year's game alongside former players from the Devils, Rangers and Islanders including Alexei Kovalev, Bruce Driver and Rick DiPietro.



In December, Reeve Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman, Jack Hughes, wrote an impactful and timely article about how technology is changing the outlook for spinal cord injury recovery. Published in **U.S. News & World Report**, the article focused on the promise of new research and the enormous potential of life-changing epidural stimulation treatments.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: GARRISON REDD



*Living with a T12 spinal cord injury as the result of gun violence when he was a teenager, Garrison Redd started The Garrison Redd Project in 2017 to help companies connect with the disability community to create adaptive events. An avid athlete, Redd is the moderator for the Reeve Foundation's online forum, Reeve Connect, and he is training for this summer's para-powerlifting world championship in Kazakhstan and next year's Paralympics in Tokyo.*

## SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: RHOBACK



"Crave activity" is both the tagline and philosophy of the Rhoback clothing company. Launched just two years ago by three friends and their Rhodesian Ridgeback mascot Bunker, the energetic founders have already included giving back in their list of ambitious pursuits.

"Our goal is to give back while we grow, not grow first and then give back. It is part of our company DNA," says Rhoback co-founder Matt Loftus. "We wanted to find the right partner and use the large social media platform we developed to share important messages."

As fate would have it, Will Reeve was introduced to Rhoback's founders last year through mutual friends.

"We have been truly amazed by all the people we have met through the Reeve Foundation," says Rhoback's other co-founder Kevin Hubbard. "It is inspiring to see the challenges people can face and the positive attitude they can maintain. It has changed our perspective on life."

Last summer, Rhoback participated in the annual Reeve Foundation Golf Classic at Navesink Country Club in New Jersey and introduced "The Reeve" performance polo, which features the Reeve Foundation logo on the sleeve. Twenty percent of all shirt sales will be donated to the Reeve Foundation. Rhoback also custom designed the 2018 Team Reeve® shirts and joined Team Reeve at the Nashville Tough Mudder.

"Working with the Reeve Foundation is one of the most rewarding things we have done," says Kristina Loftus, Rhoback's third co-founder. "We hope other new companies will follow our example because even though you're small, you can still make an impact."

Matt agrees, "We see a bright future ahead of us with the Reeve Foundation. Through our younger social media audience, we can let the next generation know the amazing work being done."

**Want to order the Rhoback Reeve shirt?**

Visit [rhoback.com/products/reeve](http://rhoback.com/products/reeve)



Strength and perseverance have been a hallmark in Will Reeve's life. An inspiration to many after tragically losing both his parents, Reeve addressed the lowest moment in his life in a letter to his 13-year-old self. As part of the "CBS This Morning" book, **Note to Self**, Reeve discusses overcoming tremendous grief at a young age, pursuing a career in sports journalism and continuing his parents' work to cure paralysis.



In January, more than 200 people gathered at **Sway**, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida nightclub, for a fun-filled evening featuring the afternoon hosts of 560 WQAM, Channing Crowder and Marc Hochman, and music played by Inna Sense. A raffle raised more than \$50,000 and future net proceeds from the song "Rolling on," written by Prince Fox and sung by Kyle Reynolds, will benefit the Reeve Foundation.

To learn more, visit [ChristopherReeve.org/events](http://ChristopherReeve.org/events)

# DONOR LIST

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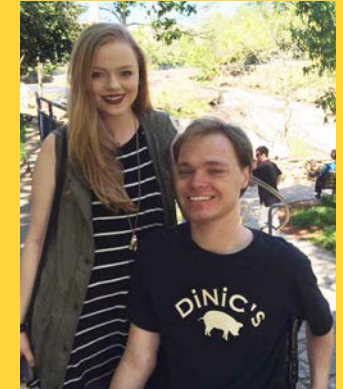
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## NEXT GENERATION SPOTLIGHT: BROOKE UNDERWOOD

When Brooke Underwood was six years old, her hero was Dana Reeve.

"I remember telling my friends at school and, of course, none of them knew who she was," says Underwood, 21, whose older brother, Chris, now 24 years old, was injured as a toddler in a car accident before she was born.



"I grew up around spinal cord injury. I never knew anything different. It was part of our family," says Underwood. "My mom would talk to us about Christopher and Dana. We had his books on our shelf."

Underwood knew about the Reeve Foundation for a long time and decided to apply for a communications and marketing internship last fall.

"Luckily, I was able to do the internship remotely, creating content for social media and blogging about my experience as a sibling caregiver," says Underwood who is a senior at the University of Georgia in Athens. She is majoring in public relations and will graduate with two certificates in music business and disability studies. A unique combination she hopes to put to good use one day.

During her internship, Underwood posted highlights from Team Reeve® at the Nashville Tough Mudder and hosted an Instagram takeover to show a day in the life with her brother. Although her internship ended, Underwood will continue to stay connected as a community moderator for the new online forum Reeve Connect.

"I will always stay involved with the SCI community because it is such an important part of my life," says Underwood. "My wish is that during my lifetime, we find real cures that are reasonably available to anyone living with SCI."

# FINANCIALS

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 723,208	\$ 1,299,786
Restricted	437,877	234,886
Investments	121,787	145,460
Equity Investment	969,709	965,330
Grants receivable	714,181	1,962,617
Contributions receivable, net	2,562,432	1,678,075
Split-interest agreement	–	4,591
Prepaid expenses	88,854	100,019
Security deposits and other	13,663	20,495
Intangible assets, net	63,603	91,863
Fixed assets, net	31,367	40,921
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,726,681</b>	<b>\$ 6,544,043</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Accounts payable	\$ 283,443	\$ 147,918
Accrued expenses	189,749	169,887
Quality of Life and other grants payable	523,879	371,307
Deferred revenue	319,946	433,618
Research contracts payable	612,500	2,406,069
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,929,517</b>	<b>3,528,799</b>
<i>Net Assets</i>		
Unrestricted	2,410,022	1,494,210
Temporarily restricted	1,387,142	1,521,034
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,797,164</b>	<b>3,015,244</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,726,681</b>	<b>\$ 6,544,043</b>

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS— YEAR END DECEMBER 31

	<b>2018</b>			<b>2017</b>		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>						
Contributions	\$4,414,361	\$364,975	\$4,779,336	\$ 3,498,616	\$ 441,745	\$3,940,361
Grant revenue	6,279,745	–	6,279,745	8,149,586	–	8,149,586
Special events	1,709,955	–	1,709,955	2,073,078	–	2,073,078
Contributed services	20,000	–	20,000	–	–	–
Investment loss	(18,824)	–	(18,824)	(8,158)	–	(8,158)
Net unrealized/realized gain (loss) on investments	498,865	(498,865)	–	(1,467)	–	(1,467)
Net assets released from restrictions				1,815,345	(1,815,345)	–
<b>Total support and revenues</b>	<b>\$ 12,904,102</b>	<b>(133,890)</b>	<b>\$ 12,770,212</b>	<b>\$ 15,527,000</b>	<b>(1,373,600)</b>	<b>\$ 14,153,400</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Program services</b>						
Research program	2,745,762	–	2,745,762	5,818,688	–	5,818,688
Public education	951,815	–	951,815	847,487	–	847,487
Quality of life	5,843,719	–	5,843,719	6,313,486	–	6,313,486
	<b>9,541,296</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>9,541,296</b>	<b>12,979,661</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>12,979,661</b>
<b>Supporting services</b>						
Management and general	816,448	–	816,448	825,965	–	825,965
Fundraising	1,630,548	–	1,630,548	1,798,275	–	1,798,275
	2,446,996	–	2,446,996	2,624,240	–	2,624,240
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>11,988,292</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>11,988,292</b>	<b>15,603,901</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>15,603,901</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>915,810</b>	<b>(133,890)</b>	<b>781,920</b>	<b>(76,901)</b>	<b>(1,373,600)</b>	<b>(1,450,501)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,494,210</b>	<b>1,521,034</b>	<b>3,015,244</b>	<b>1,571,111</b>	<b>2,894,634</b>	<b>4,465,745</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 2,410,020</b>	<b>\$ 1,387,144</b>	<b>\$ 3,797,164</b>	<b>\$ 1,494,210</b>	<b>\$ 1,521,034</b>	<b>\$ 3,015,244</b>

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