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## **The Paralysis Resource Center Awards 107 Grants to Support Quality of Life Initiatives**

The Paralysis Resource Center (PRC), administered by the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, an ACL grantee and national nonprofit dedicated to improving quality of life for individuals living with paralysis awarded Quality of Life grants to 107 nonprofit organizations nationwide totaling \$735,482. These grants provide financial support to fellow nonprofits that mirror the PRC's mission to foster community engagement, enhance independence and promote self-determination and empowerment. Pioneered by the late Dana Reeve, the program has awarded more than 2,600 grants, totaling over \$19 million since its inception in 1999.

Awarded twice yearly, grant requests were evaluated and scored based on a rigorous review process to determine funding for organizations that promote the health and well-being for those living with paralysis, as well as their families and caregivers.

### **Awardee Spotlights:**

**The Foundation of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA , \$12,000** – Grant funds will support a Post-Stroke Clinic at LSU Health New Orleans School of Allied Health Professions. The Clinic will provide free occupational, physical, and speech therapies to those in need who are living with chronic stroke in the New Orleans community.

**The Looking Glass (TLG), Berkeley, CA, \$25,000** – Grant funds will train parents (or parenting grandparents) with disabilities on adaptive baby care techniques. TLG occupational therapists will provide 15 families of infants and toddlers, from birth to 3-years-old, with adaptive baby care equipment, and teach modified childcare techniques during home visits.

**The Chickasaw Nation, Ada, OK, \$24,715**- Grant funds will enable the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center to provide a state-of-the-art portable assisted gait device to patients as part of their acute inpatient rehabilitation. This equipment will help maximize each patient's potential to regain their highest level of function and independence.

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