

BORP ADAPTIVE SPORTS AND RECREATION RECEIVES \$40,000 QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT FROM THE CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION FOR OUTREACH TO LATINO/A/X COMMUNITIES IN THE BAY AREA

BERKELY, CA APRIL 4, 2025 – (BORP Adaptive Sports and Recreation is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$40,000 as part of <u>the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation National</u> <u>Paralysis Resource Center</u> (NPRC) 2024 Priority Impact Cycle Quality of Life grants, (22 grants for \$824,289). 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 3,990 grants totaling \$46 million have been awarded. Funding for this program was made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL grant #90PRRC0006-04).

The Reeve Foundation's National Paralysis Resource Center has several grants under the Quality of Life program awarding grants in different category areas, varying in different amounts. The Priority Impact grants program funds organizations to support a wide range of projects and activities that will impact individuals living with paralysis and their families.

"These awards are about restoring independence to our constituents," said Dan McNeal, Director of the Quality of Life Grants Program, Reeve Foundation. "Our work and number one goal are to enhance the quality of life of people living with paralysis. It is our honor to continue to collaborate with so many dedicated organizations, which have selflessly given their time and efforts to ensure that accessibility and inclusivity remain embedded in the fabric of their programs."

BORP will use the grant to support expanded outreach and engagement of people with paralysis in the Latino/a/x communities in the Bay Area.

"We are honored to receive this award," says BORP Executive Director Emily Seelenfreund. "For nearly 50 years BORP has been the Bay Area's primary provider of sports and recreation opportunities for people with paralysis and other vision and mobility disabilities, yet there are still way too many people in our community who do not know these options exist and may face additional barriers to participation. Funding from the Reeve Foundation provides critical capacity for our outreach staff, who already have the lived experience and cultural competency to be great community liaisons."

About the Reeve Foundation:

The <u>Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation</u> 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 discoveries 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 <u>Paralysis Resource Center</u> (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 <u>www.ChristopherReeve.org</u> or call 800-225-0292.

BORP empowers youth and adults with mobility and vision disabilities through sports, fitness, and recreational programs that foster independence, health, community, and belonging. For more information, please visit our website at <u>www.borp.org</u> or email us at info@borp.org.

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