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— our online advocacy forum. You can lend your voice to support legislation and other initiatives that advance paralysis research and promote disability rights issues.



History

The Christopher Reeve Foundation's roots stretch back to 1982 when the American Paralysis Association was formed by a group of people that refused to accept the prevailing notion that the spinal cord, once injured, could not be repaired. The founders of the American Paralysis Association had an unwavering belief that researchers and neuroscientists, working together, would find a way to connect and regenerate the damaged nerves and cells that result in paralysis.

Christopher sought out the organization following his injury in 1995. As Christopher said,

“I have always been a crusader of causes. This time, the cause found me.”

Christopher shared the American Paralysis Association's belief in a cure and lent his name, passion and drive to the organization which ultimately became known as the **Christopher Reeve Foundation**.

Together, we've come a long way. The research progress in recent years has been outstanding. Awareness and perception of spinal cord injuries has shifted dramatically, both in the scientific community as well as in the general public. Today, our belief in a cure is shared by the neuroscientists, researchers, clinicians and, perhaps most importantly, millions of people living with paralysis and their families. The momentum is ours. We will **Go Forward**.



“So, what do we do now? I look to Chris. When he was faced with grief and loss and feelings of injustice, what did he do? He made a decision to carry on, to fight for his beliefs, to do for others what he couldn't do for himself. He reached into that enormous and beautiful and generous heart of his and gave us his life. We can at the very least try to do the same. We owe him that much.” Dana Reeve



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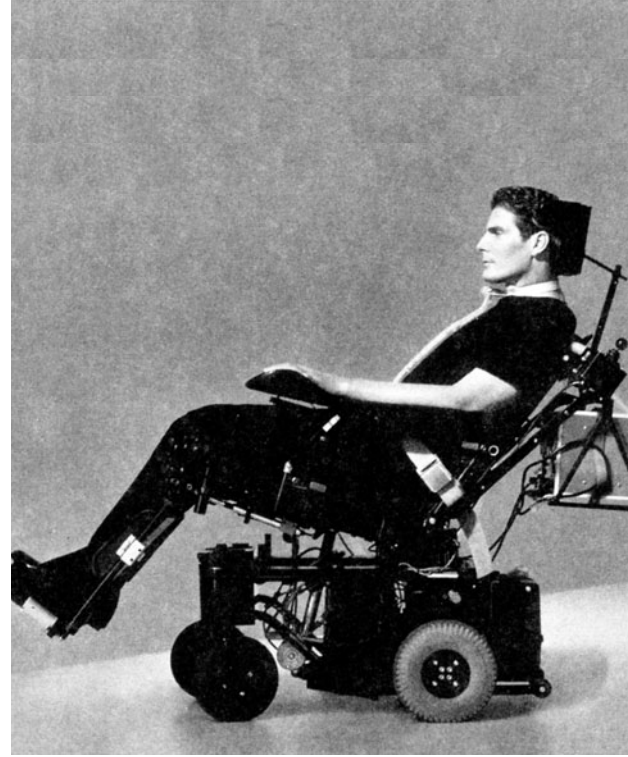


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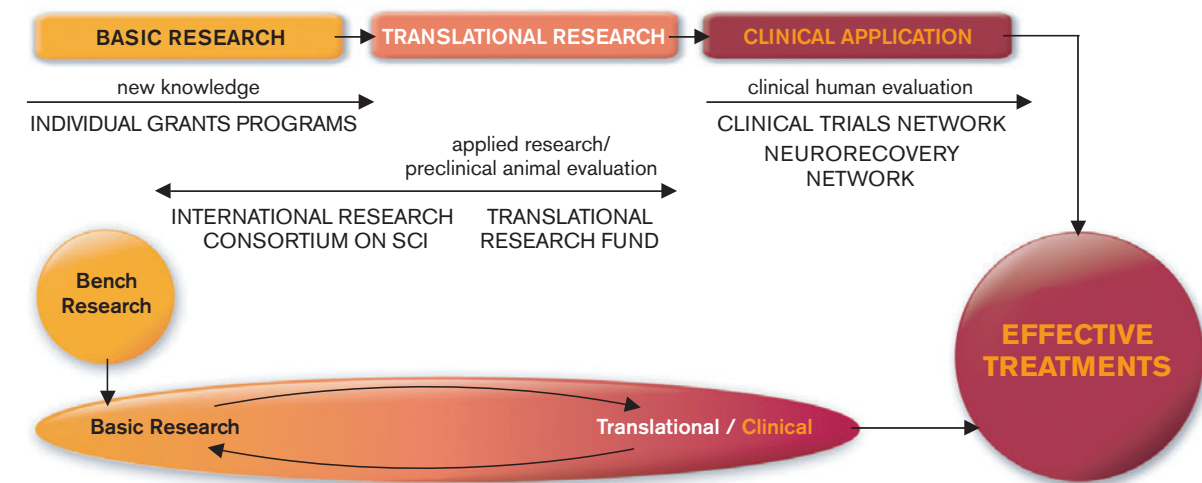
Mission

The Christopher Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy.

Research Programs



A SPINAL CORD INJURY IS ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX TRAUMAS THE BODY CAN SUSTAIN. It is a condition that affects one American every 49 minutes. The Christopher Reeve Foundation (CRF) occupies a unique position in the spinal cord research community. Since 1982, it has aggressively pushed all accepted boundaries by seeking out the best and brightest scientists and encouraging them to tackle the enormous challenges of spinal cord repair. CRF's research philosophy is bold, forward-looking, and strategic. CRF's research programs encompass basic laboratory research to clinical research reaching patients' bedsides. CRF research programs include: Individual Grants Program, International Research Consortium on Spinal Cord Injury, North American Clinical Trials Network, and NeuroRecovery Network.



Quality of Life

Quality of Life Grants Program

While working towards treatments and cures, the Foundation recognizes that there are millions of people with disabilities who deserve an improved quality of life. Conceived by Dana Reeve, the Quality of Life Grants Program was established to meet the many needs and address day-to-day challenges of people living with paralysis in the here and now.

The Foundation funds a variety of national, regional and local initiatives that benefit both children and adults with disabilities, especially those with spinal cord injuries. This program recognizes the unique and numerous needs of these individuals and the importance of providing services and programs that enable them to participate in all areas of life. Funding categories include: Employment, Education, Counseling, Children, Assistive Technology, Arts, Advocacy, Accessibility, Therapeutic Riding, Sports and Recreation, Practical Services, Independent Living, and Health Promotion.



Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Center

In late 2001, the Foundation was awarded a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center (PRC). Its purpose: to establish a single focused national resource on paralysis.

In May 2002, the Paralysis Resource Center opened its doors to promote the health and well-being of people living with paralysis and their families by providing information, education and referral services. The PRC, guided by a Paralysis Task Force, houses a national clearinghouse library of paralysis-related publications. It also maintains a constantly evolving self-help website [www.paralysis.org], and publishes an extensive print manual, *The Paralysis Resource Guide*. Today the Paralysis Resource Center is equipped to address inquiries in more than 50 languages through the help of real-time translation services and continues to evolve its educational program by developing streaming videos for training over the Internet.

Advocacy

WHEN PEOPLE THINK OF PARALYSIS, it is the physical barriers that rightly come to mind. But there are also countless political and legal issues that threaten progress on cutting-edge research, quality of life, and disability rights. The Foundation believes that within knowledge and action lies hope. Therefore, we not only pursue financial support, but we vigorously work to increase federal dollars towards paralysis research through several avenues.

The **Action Network** is the Foundation's online advocacy forum that encourages individuals and supporters to become informed activists. CRF's Action Network members petition their local and national legislators urging them to further medical research and quality of life programs. When constituents speak up, lawmakers listen. Through the efforts of the Christopher Reeve Foundation coupled with the growing membership of its Action Network, our voices will continue to be heard to promote increased federal dollars for research and increasing the rights of people living with disabilities.

Go Forward

CHRISTOPHER REEVE'S LEGACY THROUGH THE FOUNDATION

is strong and enduring. He generated the momentum to pursue and discover cures and treatments for spinal cord injuries. He fought to increase funding and attention paid to biomedical research at a federal level. While ardent research continued, Dana Reeve established the Quality of Life Grants Program. And together, Christopher and Dana co-founded the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center. Never has there been a team like Christopher and Dana Reeve – so revered and loved for their partnership, both professionally and personally.

Christopher Reeve passed away on October 10, 2004. For the Christopher Reeve Foundation, Christopher will forever be remembered as our inspiration, our guide, our hope, our friend. In his name, and in his spirit, we will *'Go Forward'*.



Why do we need your help?

YOUR SUPPORT IS THE KEY INGREDIENT TO OUR SUCCESS. We continue to make huge strides as more and more groundbreaking research discoveries turn into real treatments and ultimately cures. What was once thought of as inconceivable is now just beyond our grasp. But our fight takes work, commitment, and money. And it takes a unified effort. We rely on your generosity to ensure our success.



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