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1st Cycle 2005 Quality of Life Grants

Accessibility

Episcopal Church Home & Affiliates

Buffalo, NY

\$5,000

This quality of life grant will support a project entitled "Enhancing the Quality of Life of Registrants of the Adult Day Health Care Program Living With Paralysis." Specifically, wheelchair ramps will be installed in homes of ten individuals with paralysis.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Washington, DC

\$1,750

This quality of life grant will fund the second annual "Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability (LEAD) Awards" of leadership and dedication to excellence in cultural accessibility."

L I F E

Farmington, MO

\$3,200

This grant will help to fund the "Ramp and Home Modification Project," which provides ramps and home modifications for non-ambulatory disabled individuals in a three-county service area.

Advocacy

Disability Law Center

Salt Lake City, UT

\$5,000

This quality of life grant will help to support "Rural Self Advocacy Rights Trainings," a series of workshops and publications explaining the rights of individuals with disabilities regarding education, housing, employment and access. Individuals with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities, service agencies and providers will be invited to attend these workshops throughout rural Utah.

Disability Rights Advocates

Oakland, CA

\$5,000

This quality of life grant will help to fund "Access To Public Schools Project: Organizing Parents of Schoolchildren with Disabilities to

Advocate for Their Legal Rights.” Specifically, the project will update and reprint DRA's 80-page, user-friendly "Guide to the Legal Rights of Public School Students with Disabilities".

National Coordinating Council On Spinal Cord Injury
Newton, MA
\$10,000

This grant will help to fund “Laying the Groundwork: A Series of Advocacy Events on Capitol Hill – April –November 2005.” The 2005 Advocacy campaign will consist of two hearings; one on global technological competitiveness (focused on the life sciences), and one on Return on Investment in Medical Research; and a Medical Expo event that will likely be coordinated with the second hearing. The three events are intended to lay necessary groundwork for the rebuilding of strong congressional support for NIH, funding of which has been dangerously stagnant since the doubling was completed two years ago.

Arts

Junior League of The City of New York
New York, NY
\$6,000

This grant will help to fund “New Horizons,” a project for paralyzed patients at Coler-Goldwater Memorial Hospital, a public, 2,000-bed specialty care hospital and nursing facility operated by the City of New York that provides medical, sub-acute, rehabilitative and long-term services to residents of New York City and the surrounding communities. The grant will help to underwrite the purchase of Soundbeam sensory equipment, which patients will utilize with the help of staff recreational therapists and dedicated Junior League volunteers who regularly visit a number of patients on four wards of this hospital and. The project will help the even the most physically compromised patients express themselves, expand their horizons, and improve their quality of life.

Vermont Studio Center, Inc.
Johnson, VT
\$3,500

This grant will fund one Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation/Vermont Studio Center Fellowship for Artists and Writers with Physical Disabilities.

Assistive Technology

Central Coast Assistive Technology Center
San Luis Obispo, CA

\$5,000

This grant will help to support “Assistive TechTV,” an innovative public access television show organized and hosted by the CCATC staff. This program will have monthly episodes that focus on many different types of assistive technology and feature in-depth personal experiences of people in the community who use this technology. The goal of the show is to increase the public’s awareness and understanding of assistive technology and its power to enhance the functioning and quality of life of people with disabilities.

Goodwill Industries of Dayton

Dayton, OH

\$3,300

This grant will help to fund the “Assistive Technology Lending Library,” allows people with disabilities to try out different assistive devices before purchasing, thus giving them the opportunity to determine which items best suit their needs and abilities.

Premier HealthCare

Brooklyn, NY

\$5,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to support the “Premier HealthCare Center for Assistive Technology at Brooklyn College.” The AT Center provides various types of assistive technology training to people with a range of injuries, diseases, and disabilities, including spinal cord or brain injury, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cancer, cerebral palsy, autism, and others. The Center also trains graduate and undergraduate students in the field of assistive technology.

Children**Cameron Park Elementary School**

Hillsborough, NC

\$2,026

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund renovation of the school's playground. Specifically, the grant will help to underwrite the purchase and installation of an accessible sand and water table for the playground's kindergarten area.

Country Ark Farm

Milford, PA

\$7,500

This grant will help to support the construction of an Outdoor Pavilion at this unique therapeutic recreation facility. The Pavilion will be used to provide shade and shelter from the elements as well as an outdoor place for special presentations, lunch and crafts.

Friends of Hollis Field Playground

Braintree, MA

\$2,500

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund a project entitled “Goin’ for Owen Sway Fun” for the preschool area of this accessible

community playground. Sway Fun is a wheelchair accessible glider that has room for two wheelchairs as well as two benches for additional adults and children.

Middlebury Area Land Trust

Middlebury, VT

\$5,000

This grant will help to fund the construction of “Otter Creek Park,” a 16-acre nature park that will feature a universally accessible trail, a council ring (learning circle) and a 600-foot long boardwalk that will take visitors across a wetland to the hidden banks of Otter Creek.

Tuscarawas Carroll Harrison Educational Service Center

New Philadelphia, OH

\$6,153

This Quality of Life grant will help to underwrite the purchase of two

This Quality of Life grant will help to underwrite the purchase of two Rifton standing frames with complete accessory packages for use by children with paralysis in this three-county school district.

Saint Bernard Academy
Nashville, TN
\$7,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to underwrite the construction of a wheelchair ramp for the kindergarten section of a new accessible playground at the school.

Save The Kid Fund Inc.
East Lyme, CT
\$3,200

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund the "Save The Kid Fund - Freedom Program." Specifically, the funds will enable this totally volunteer-driven organization to purchase two specialized bicycles that will be given away to children with paralysis.

Counseling

Canadian Paraplegic Association
Ottawa, ON, Canada
\$10,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to support the "National Peer Support Program," which plays a major role in helping individuals who are newly spinal cord injured return to full community living. The Peer Support Program matches newly injured individuals with someone of the same age and sex who has been through an injury and recovered, thus providing encouragement and resources to the newly injured individuals. In turn, the Peer Volunteers benefit from a sense of accomplishment in helping someone else.

Education

Black Hills State University
Spearfish, SD
\$6,650

This grant will help to fund the "Student Assistant Program," which hires and trains University students to assist University students with quadriplegia to navigate the college campus and have meaningful access to the academic environment.

Kartemquin Educational Films
Chicago, IL
\$20,000

This grant will help to fund "Terra Incognita: Exploring the World of Stem Cell Research," a feature-length documentary film that will inform and educate the public about stem cell research.

Program of Rehabilitation Organized by Disabled Youth of Western Mexico (PROJIMO)
San Ignacio, Sinaloa, Mexico
\$5,300

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund a Disability Awareness Campaign for Sinaloa, Mexico. The goals for the project are to educate the community about the causes and treatments of disability; to expose the community to examples of disabled but self-empowered role models; to evaluate the community for its disability

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empowered role-models, to evaluate the community for its disability needs and offer PROJIMO's expertise; and to provide the community with basic disability health services.

River of Dreams

Phoenix, AZ

\$5,000

This grant will help to fund "Right to Risk: Into the Heart of Arizona's Grand Canyon," a documentary that will follow nine diverse individuals with significant disabilities on a 225 river mile, 15-day raft journey through the Grand Canyon. The goal is to change the public's perception of people with disabilities by focusing on the abilities of disabled individuals and will demonstrate that active participation leads to greater self-actualization and the confidence necessary to create a more rewarding and productive life.

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

\$5,000

This Quality of Life grant will support the "Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship," which provides financial assistance to physically disabled student athletes pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees from select universities across the country. Assistance is given for tuition, room and board, books and on-campus transportation.

Employment

Easter Seals Massachusetts

Worcester, MA

\$5,000

This grant will help to fund the "Transitional Mentoring Program,"

which provides people with disabilities to make a more successful transition from education and training into the world of work.

Health Promotion

A.R.T.S. for People

Dallas, TX

\$4,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support Expressive Arts Therapy for Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury. Specifically, the award will help to underwrite the costs of barrier-free studio space and art instructor fees.

Achievement Center for Children

Highland Hills, OH

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support scholarships for children and young adults with disabilities to attend Camp Cheerful, where campers participate in all the traditional camp activities including horseback riding, hiking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, arts and crafts, nature study activities, games, campfire activities, music and sports.

American Syringomyelia Alliance Project (ASAP)

Longview, TX

\$12,500

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the operations of the ASAP New York Support Office, which provides support and information to patients of the Chiari Institute and their families, offers support groups for people in the New York City metropolitan area, and sponsors educational forums at the Institute.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association, St. Louis Regional Chapter

St. Louis, MO

\$7,200

This Health Promotion grant will help to support a program called "Helping PALS" (Persons with ALS). Specifically, the funds will help to provide 100 hours of respite care each for two families of persons with ALS.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, Minnesota Chapter
Minneapolis, MN

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund the ALS Occupational Therapy Program. An Occupational Therapist experienced in working with persons with ALS will conduct home evaluations to assess equipment needs, teach proper transfer techniques, discuss mobility issues and activities of daily living, and enable the families to better access the equipment loan closet.

Boston College Campus School

Newton, MA

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support "Eagle Eyes Training: A Technology Enabling Non-Verbal Persons with Quadriplegia to Use a Computer by Moving their Eyes or Head." The goal of the project is to train parents, teachers and other direct care providers to use Eagle Eyes technology as an instructional tool to help non-verbal students with quadriplegia access the regular school curriculum. Two Eagle Eyes technologies have been developed at Boston College; one uses surface electrodes that are attached to the head that allows a person to use a computer by simply moving his or her eyes, the second uses a video camera that allows a person to use a computer by simply moving his or her head.

Camp Aldersgate

Little Rock, AR

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will support the Kota Camps program, which provides opportunities for children and youth of all abilities to come together and experience the benefits that a traditional camp can offer. The sessions are open to children ages 6-18 with medical conditions, physical conditions, and developmental delays and their friends or siblings. Kota Camp activities, including adapted archery, an accessible adventure/challenge ropes course, adapted horseback riding, SCUBA diving, human-powered boating, and a nature study utilizing a fully accessible tree house, are designed so that children of all abilities can participate and succeed.

Camps for Kids

Kansas City, MO

\$3,000

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This Health Promotion grant will help Camps For Kids provide camperships for children facing physical, emotional and social obstacles. The CRPF award will help to send at least six children to Camp MITIOG, a camp for children with spina bifida living in the Kansas City area.

Canine Assistants

Alpharetta, GA

\$12,500

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund "Assessing the Recognition and Response Potentials of Service Dog Candidates to Minimal Visual and Auditory Behavior Cues- Phase One." A significant percentage of people who apply for service dogs have disabilities that make the standard verbalizations or hand gestures used to give service dogs commands difficult or impossible. Further, over 96% of service dog users must give their dogs directives in situations where speech or significant movement is distracting, like school classrooms or work environments. The goal of this innovative project is to establish alternate command "languages" which will enable communication between human and dog using only minimal body movement or sound. Canine Assistants will make study

findings, templates and recommendations available to the industry.

Central Coast Center for Independent Living

Salinas, CA

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Multi-Cultural Disability Health Access Project," which will develop a three-pronged approach that increases health access for Latinos with disabilities living in California's central coast. The Project will train local Promotoras (Latina "health Promoters" who provide health education to Latinos) to incorporate disability awareness and resources to the Latino community, develop Traumatic Brain Injury Spanish speaking support groups and a Tri-County Women's Health Summit bringing the community together to address important issues of disability health access and multicultural issues. The result will be a model that can be replicated in other multicultural communities throughout California and the United States.

Chico State University Foundation

Chico, CA

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the Ability First Youth Sports Camp, which provides ongoing competitive athletics and recreational programming for youth with physical disabilities from throughout California, Nevada and Oregon. Activities include wheelchair basketball, aquatics, fitness/nutrition, wheelchair tennis, weight training, water skiing, road racing, wheelchair soccer, rugby and rock climbing.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Rapport, Empowerment, Assistance through Connections and Health" (REACH) Program, which seeks to effectively transition young people ages 14- 21 with chronic illnesses into the adult world. Each

ages 11-21 with chronic illnesses into the adult world. Each participant will establish an individualized transition plan; receive coordinating educational, vocational, and health-related services; and take part in wellness and advocacy-oriented programs. Collaborative efforts will include healthcare providers, the community, and state and federal government-based programs.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Wauwatosa, WI

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support a Car Seat Fitting Clinic for Children with Special Needs. Experts trained in special needs car seats will work one-on-one with families to instruct them on proper restraint usage and when necessary, assist them in acquiring the appropriate equipment to assure safety.

Compassionate Care

West Falmouth, MA

\$15,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund the "Cultivating Compassion Training Program for ALS and End of Life." Cultivating Compassion educates healthcare professionals, family, and community members about ALS, the uniqueness of living and dying with the disease, and about providing sensitive, compassionate care for all involved in end of life issues. Participants learn about the disease, practice empathetic communication skills and coping techniques such as meditation, and explore their own attitudes toward dying and death in order to be more present and aware.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation
Hartford, CT

\$7,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund "Keeping All Special Kids Safe: An Injury Prevention Resource Program." Children with disabilities have higher rates of injury than other children. However, there is limited information available about the types of injuries for which children with disabilities are at risk. Furthermore, there are currently no programs dedicated to the prevention of injuries in this population. The mission of the Keeping all Special Kids Safe program is to provide children who have disabilities and their families with targeted information and services aimed at reducing unintentional injury in residential, recreational, motor vehicle, and school environments.

The Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center of Greater Waterbury
Waterbury, CT

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to provide in-home respite care services to caregivers and family members of individuals with spinal cord injuries.

Fighting Back Scholarship Program
Devon, PA

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will enable the Fighting Back Scholarship Program to provide financial scholarships to be used for exercise rehabilitation for physically disabled people who have triumphed over a life-changing illness or injury through their courage

struggled over a life-changing illness or injury through their courage and desire to improve and persevere. Clients are provided with one-on-one sessions with an exercise physiologist to help them achieve the goals of developing/maintaining mobility and strength, increasing confidence and gaining independence.

Green Hill Equestrian Therapy

Louisville, KY

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support expansion of the children's therapy program, enabling the more children with paralysis to receive the benefits of equestrian therapies.

Handicapper Advocacy Alliance

Lansing, MI

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "CACIL-PALS Puppet Troupe." The project will provide educational programming to teach children ages 5-12 about disability awareness, medical conditions, and social concerns through the use of puppets with disabilities and skits. The project goal is to foster a culture of inclusion and respect between able-bodied students and students with disabilities in elementary education.

Hospital for Special Care Community Services

New Britain, CT

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Cruisers Junior Wheelchair Track and Field Team," the only junior wheelchair track and field team in Connecticut. The team of 34 children have a variety of disabling conditions including spina bifida, spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, and various orthopedic conditions. Participants come into the program as young as five years old and often stay into their twenties. The Cruisers meet weekly to work on physical conditioning, socialize, and develop athletic skills. They compete regionally and nationally, and currently hold several national records.

Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco

San Francisco, CA

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund the "Leadership Project," which is on the cusp of bringing together new, vocal and engaged volunteers to train with and learn from experienced, results-driven activists in order to increase the visibility and inclusion of people with disabilities from under-represented groups in San Francisco. The Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco is one of 15 organizations that were included in the "Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation Best of the Best Health Promotion Grants" publication in 2004.

International Paralympic Committee

Bonn, Germany

\$25,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund the International Paralympic Equestrian Committee training and development program for equestrians with disabilities from economically/socially disadvantaged countries.

The Heuga Center

Edwards, CO

\$8,500

This Health Promotion grant will help to underwrite the costs to produce one five-day CAN DO Program to be held in the second half of 2005 for people and families living with the challenges of multiple sclerosis. The Can Do Program is designed to involve 25 participants with multiple sclerosis and their support partners, and will address all aspects of general health, physical fitness, diet, psychological well-being, and social interaction.

The Janet Pomeroy Center

San Francisco, CA

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "San Francisco Traumatic Brain Injury Network," a community-integration program that provides services for adults with traumatic brain injuries. This is the only program in San Francisco that works one-on-one with individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families to access appropriate health, housing, and employment resources to enhance their independence and quality of life.

Keshet Dance Company

Albuquerque, NM

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the integrated production of the original dance performance "Nutcracker on the Rocks," which includes all ages, levels and abilities.

Kessler Medical Rehabilitation, Research and Education Corporation

West Orange, NJ

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund the "Life After Spinal Cord Injury Conference." The conference will cover important issues like accessible housing and assistive living, vocational rehabilitation and return to work, relationship building, sexuality, parenting, sports and recreational activities, prevention of secondary medical complications, transportation, assistive technology, the impact of social isolation, and the promotion of active healthy living for persons with spinal cord injury.

Lakeshore Foundation

Birmingham, AL

\$8,236

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund "Strength and Conditioning for Athletes with Disabilities." Specifically, the award will support the costs for project personnel and scholarship support for program participants.

Lisa Beth Gerstman Foundation

Lynbrook, NY

\$14,700

This Health Promotion grant will enable the Lisa Beth Gerstman Foundation to send 30 children with paralysis to three-week camp sessions in the summer of 2005.

Lone Star Classic Foundation

Austin, TX

AUSTIN, TX

\$15,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support “A Community-Driven Exercise Program to Improve Outcomes and Quality of Life” for individuals with spinal cord injury. The program will be open to all interested participants, regardless of insurance coverage. Already in place are multiple exercise modalities including a FES bicycle, pool, an auto-ambulatory device and weights.

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation

Philadelphia, PA

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Discover Me Spinal Cord Injury Community Re-Entry Mentoring Program," which will reintegrate individuals with spinal cord injury into the community as school mentors with the goal to prevent youth violence and injury. The mentors will benefit from restored personal independence, involvement in their communities, and greater sense of self-worth. The students will benefit from better understanding the potential consequences of their behaviors, as well as interacting on a daily basis with individuals with disabilities.

Marin Center for Independent Living

San Rafael, CA

\$15,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund “The Attendant Referral Registry,” a free service to individuals with disabilities in Marin County needing trained, responsible, compassionate caregivers to help them continue living independently. Caregivers go through a careful screening by staff before qualifying to be listed on the Registry. Consumers requesting this service are counseled, provided the listing, and do the hiring—including negotiating salary with no additional private agency fees added on—of their own attendant.

Memorial Foundation

Hollywood, FL

\$3,021

This Health Promotion grant will help to support “Connections” a Spinal Cord Injury group that provides support and resources needed to enhance the quality of life after a spinal cord injury. The bi-monthly program includes social events and support group meetings provided at no cost to participants. Connections serves all of Broward County, the second largest county by population in the State of Florida.

Michigan Sports Unlimited

Saginaw, MI

\$6,250

This Health Promotion grant will help to support “Connect-4-Fitness,” a program that will establish presence and raise awareness of Michigan Sports Unlimited’s mission to provide physically disabled youth and adults with opportunities to engage in team sports and recreational activities for fun and learning of basic skills. The program will inform and demonstrate the safe use of adaptive sports equipment with the ultimate goal of improved fitness levels for all participants.

participants.

Mighty Oaks Children's Therapy Center

Albany, OR

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Mighty Kids Discovery Garden," a dynamic mobility and sensory garden that will provide children with disabilities varied opportunities to practice independent mobility including climbing, standing, walking and propelling a wheelchair, as well as stimulating sensory experiences.

Mountain States Health Alliance

Johnson City, TN

\$14,500

This Health Promotion grant will help to support an educational program for nurses and therapists to enable them to better treat and care for severely injured spinal cord patients at the Quillen Rehabilitation Hospital.

Multiple Sclerosis Service Society

Pittsburgh, PA

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Home Continuing Care Program," which provides instructional and rehabilitative therapy to in-home clients to avoid their isolation from society. Because Multiple Sclerosis is a progressive disease, the in-home care program is able to sustain for these individuals a quality of life that otherwise would not exist.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Portland

Portland, OR

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Maintain Mobility Program," which provides two special services for individuals with multiple sclerosis to assist them in maintaining mobility by reducing cramping, nerve pain, and spasticity. Project Helping Hands provides a series of massages by licensed massage therapists to patients who would otherwise be unable to afford it. Gentle Yoga classes provide regular yoga instruction with instructors trained in the appropriate instructional manner for patients dealing with multiple sclerosis.

Muscular Dystrophy Association – Land of Lincoln Chapter

Springfield, IL

\$3,750

This Health Promotion grant will help to provide summer camping activities geared towards the special needs of children with neuromuscular diseases at no cost to local youngsters ages 6-21. The campers enjoy a total camping experience in a relaxed atmosphere that fosters the development of lasting friendships.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capitol Chapter

Washington, DC

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Transportation Program," which provides transportation vouchers to individuals and families living with multiple sclerosis who can't make ends meet. The program helps people affected by multiple sclerosis get to the

medical care they need, maintain independence, and stay connected to Chapter programs and other opportunities.

National Sports Center for the Disabled

Denver, CO

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the “Winter Recreation Program,” specifically the adaptive skiing program. Adaptive skiing allows family members and friends to actively participate in a sport together. Children and adults with disabilities also grow socially by interacting with people in an environment where disabilities are accepted and welcome. Participants also experience physical improvements like increased balance, strength and flexibility.

National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) – Junior Division

Colorado Springs, CO

\$20,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the “Educational Programs for the NWBA Junior Division 2005-2006 Season.” The project goal is to provide educational programs and services to the volunteers (and some professionals) who run programs at the local level at minimal cost to them. Many of these volunteers already pay travel costs and other costs associated with participation with their local organizations. Better educated program leaders will be better able to serve their local teams and communities. Also, by creating an educational video about the benefits of wheelchair basketball, program participation will expand as well.

Northwest Wheelchair Sports

Seattle, WA

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund the “Disability Awareness Campaign/Dribble on Wheels Basketball Camp.” The programs have two basic goals: to inform people with disabilities about the benefits of participating in sports and the availability of wheelchair sports programs in the area; and to broaden awareness about the abilities of people with disabilities.

Paraquad, Inc.

St. Louis, MO

\$7,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the “Peer Consultation Program,” which through individual peer services and support groups, provides skills training and assistance to empower people with disabilities to live independently.

Parks & Trails New York

Albany, NY

\$6,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support a variety of outreach, training, assessment, and advocacy initiatives to increase the accessibility of New York’s outdoor recreational trails to people with disabilities; build a critical mass of people who know how to assess trail accessibility and how to train others to do so; and expand the availability of information about the accessibility of NY’s parks and

trails.

PEOPLE, Inc.
 Williamsville, NY
 \$14,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support a project at The Elmwood Health Center, a clinic that provides primary and specialty medical services to people with disabilities. The funds will be used to equip two exam rooms with special exam tables to cope with the unique mobility and stability needs of people with significant mobility issues and will provide staff training on the use of the equipment.

Project Mobility – Cycles for Life
 St. Charles, IL
 \$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support “The Veterans’ Mobility Initiative,” which brings adaptive cycling clinics to Veterans Affairs rehabilitation hospitals to raise awareness of the recreational opportunities available to disabled veterans, particularly those newly injured in Iran and Afghanistan, with the ultimate goal to improve their physical and mental health.

Quad Foundation
 Escondido, CA
 \$8,640

This Health Promotion grant will help to support “Hope on Wheels,” an innovative project that will deliver an ERGYS-2 FES bike directly to the homes of quadriplegic clients in a special trailer. The clients will drive their wheelchairs into trailer, transfer to the bike with assistance from caregivers and staff, and enjoy home-based therapy several times weekly. Therapy will be ordered and monitored by each client's personal physician.

Rancho Los Amigos Foundation
 Downey, CA
 \$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support “Enhancing Lives: The Performing Arts of Rancho,” a project that will provide patients with long-term disabilities the opportunity to participate in the arts as vocalists, dancers, orators, musicians, and actors as a means to achieve greater health. An environment will be provided which will allow engagement in active listening, establishment of a support system, and communication of humor, courage, and determination.

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
 Chicago, IL
 \$15,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund seating and positioning services for patients in order to provide solutions that will: reduce effects of abnormal muscle tone and reflexes; provide corrective means to accommodate orthopedic conditions; accommodate patients’ lost or reduced sensation (including inability to relieve pressure from sustained position); improve patients’ function and ability to perform activities of daily living; and improve comfort and sitting tolerance.

Riverhills Multiple Sclerosis Center

Cincinnati, OH

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support a program that provides in-home Visiting Nurse Services for Multiple Sclerosis patients at-risk for skin breakdowns, decline in nutritional status, social isolation and decreased mobility. These individuals have minimal social support systems, inadequate transportation for regular visits to a neurologist, decreased mobility which increases time in a chair or wheelchair and/or experience limited financial means such as lack of insurance or non-qualifying Medicare status.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northern California

Sacramento, CA

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support "Camp Ronald McDonald at Eagle Lake," a residential summer camp for children and adults with special needs. Specifically, the award will help to support programs that promote physical activity and nutrition education.

St. Luke's Rehabilitation Center

Spokane, WA

\$12,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund travel expenses for members of "Team St. Luke's" to attend the National Junior Disability Championships. Team St. Luke's is a non-profit adapted sports organization for children and adults with physical disabilities administered through St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute in Spokane, Washington. Team St. Luke's has the following teams: adult and junior wheelchair basketball teams, an adult and junior swim team, a junior archery team, an adult and junior track and field team, an adult and junior road racing team, an adult and junior weight lifting team, a combined-age power soccer team, and a combined-age rugby team.

St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children

Bayside, NY

\$15,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support a program that will develop the role of volunteers in constraint-induced movement therapies for children with traumatic and acquired brain injuries. Physical therapists on staff at St. Mary's will train volunteers to learn the shaping exercises required for the therapies. Further, the project will be studied in order to understand the efficacy of creating collaborative training and supervision teams in order to extend the model established by the professional staff.

St. Peter's Hospital Foundation

Albany, NY

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support massage services for patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Clinical research has demonstrated that massage has been beneficial in reducing anxiety, relieving insomnia, easing depression, managing pain and reducing the need for medication.

Shane's Inspiration

Valley Village, CA

\$4,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund the preschool area of a Universally Accessible Playground at Gates Canyon Park in the City of Calabasas. This project will be the first of its kind in this region of Southern California, potentially serving over 5,000 special-needs children from the surrounding communities.

Sharp Healthcare Foundation

San Diego, CA

\$19,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the “Challenged Women’s Support Initiative,” a grassroots education and peer support program that will provide volunteer and employment opportunities, education, support and health services to women with disabilities. Participants will obtain and further develop administrative, public speaking and/or mentoring skills and will supplement their income.

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Network

Boston, MA

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the “Dr. Charles H. Weingarten Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program,” which helps people of all ages meet their rehabilitation goals through high-challenge activities that enable them to reach their highest levels of function, independence, and performance and to experience greater social interaction and increased self-confidence. Activities such as rowing, biking, kayaking, windsurfing, and wall climbing allow participants to regain their freedom and return to a life that includes a thorough enjoyment of both work and play.

Spina Bifida Association of Western Pennsylvania

Wexford, PA

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support “Survivor: Huki Like – Summer and Weekend Developmental Programs” for children, teens and young adults with spina bifida. Participation in fun and satisfying activities, peer and mentor support all help to reinforce campers’ success and achievement of personal goals.

The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) Foundation

Houston, TX

\$15,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund TIRR’s Think First injury prevention program, which addresses the causes of injury by emphasizing the proper use of seat belts; safety around buses and while crossing streets; playground safety; proper helmet use while cycling or skateboarding or similar activities; water safety; and finally, warning of the danger of knives and firearms.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Texas

Austin, TX

\$5,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the “Texas Home of Your Own Project,” formed in July 1995 as a partnership of state and local direct service providers, state government agencies, disability

advocacy groups, community groups, and lending institutions whose goal is to expand affordable home ownership options for persons with disabilities. Specifically, the award will help to fund the hiring of a Housing Counselor.

University of Hawai'i

Honolulu, HI

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the production of a training video for family caregivers of people with paralysis. Many informal caregivers have difficulties dressing paralyzed individuals, especially those who face language barriers and do not have supportive community resources. This project will interview several ethnically diverse caregivers on their needs and produce two brief pilot videos (in English and Chinese) with culturally sensitive guidelines for using adaptive clothing to dress paralyzed patients. Caregivers' responses to the video will be evaluated and this project will be used to produce the video for distribution to a wider audience.

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund "Therapeutic

Recreation and Independent Leisure Skills (TRAILS) Spinal Cord Injury Forum: A Transitional Care Model." The ultimate goal of the project is to accelerate the route to active and independent lifestyles for persons with spinal cord injury. This program is designed to increase an individual's self-efficacy and self-affirmation that serve as a platform for navigating daily experience.

Vermont Association of Business, Industry and Rehabilitation

Williston, VT

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support "Maximizing Life with Scott Chesney," an interactive coaching program for people with disabilities that delivers strategies and techniques for not only surviving in the face of adversity, but thriving in the face of adversity.

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA

\$15,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund "PosAbilities Unlimited: Outreach to Minority Populations with Spinal Cord Injury to Increase Physical and Recreational Activities." This project is designed to promote physical and recreational activities among persons with SCI from minority backgrounds through targeted educational efforts, community events, and provision of scholarships to allow for participation.

VSA arts

Washington, DC

\$25,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to support the "Start with the Arts Family Festival," a three-day festival that will celebrate the enormous contributions and talents of artists with disabilities during two full days of arts-based family learning activities, performances and master artists workshops by artists with disabilities, and an

exhibit of visual art by children with disabilities that will take place on June 10-11, 2005 at Union Station in Washington, DC. In addition, on June 9, 2005, VSA arts will host a full day Research Symposium highlighting the rigorous and systematic examination of the outcomes, values and benefits of the arts in education.

Wilderness Inquiry

Minneapolis, MN

\$10,000

This Health Promotion grant will help to fund "Integration through Adventure," an award-winning project that promotes social integration through the medium of shared outdoor adventures. People of all ages and abilities participate together in challenging outdoor adventures by canoe, sea-kayak, backpack and dogsled—all in an environment where each participant plays a meaningful role to benefit the overall group. By focusing on issues of common concern, participants discover new strengths and increase their problem-solving skills.

Wintergreen Adaptive Skiing

Afton, VA

\$5,700

This Health Promotion grant will help to support an Instructor Development initiative that will recruit, train, and certify instructors for the "Learn to Ski" program in order to keep pace with increasing demand adaptive skiing lessons.

Independent Living

disABILITY LINK

Decatur, GA

\$6,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund the "Nursing Home Transition," a program that helps individuals with disabilities who reside in nursing homes to transition into their chosen community.

Disability Advocates of Kent County

Grand Rapids, MI

\$6,000

This grant will help to fund "Project Independence," which will enable individuals with paralysis to make accessibility modifications to their homes that are not covered by insurance or any other assistance program.

Nimiipuu Health

Lapwai, ID

\$5,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to provide assistive devices to low-income Native Americans with disabilities to enable them to live at home with a better quality of life.

Practical Services

AdvoCare, Inc

Rigby, ID

\$7,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to support a program that provides practical quality of life improvement services for individuals with spinal cord injuries. Specifically, this award will be used to support

home modifications.

Blue Ridge Assistance Dogs

Manassas, VA

\$3,777

This Quality of Life grant will help to support a program to breed certified service dogs in order to maximize the success of raising puppies that can be trained as service dogs.

Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association

San Diego, CA

\$5,000

This grant will help to support the “Cal-Diego PVA Transportation Program,” which provides to members essential transportation services to and from medical services and social activities, enabling them to better care for their health and more fully participate in their community.

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers For The Disabled

Boston, MA

\$10,983

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund the intensive training that is required before a for monkey helper can be placed with an individual with quadriplegia caused by spinal cord injury.

St. John's Mercy Foundation

St. Louis, MO

\$16,280

This Quality of Life grant will help to support the Outpatient Neuro-Rehab unit, which provides outpatient physical therapy services to individuals with neurological disorders. Specifically, the award will help to underwrite the purchase of two Bio-Step Semi-Recumbent Elliptical bikes, one MOTomed Viva 2 movement therapy system, and two Hi-Low electrically controlled mat tables.

University of Delaware

Center for Disabilities Studies

Newark, DE

\$5,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund “Community Connectors,” a program in which graduate student interns and undergraduate student volunteers serve as mentors, community liaisons and life skills coaches to adults with disabilities who have transitioned from institutions or family homes into more independent living situations in the community.

Wheelchair Recycler

Marlboro, MA

\$10,000

This Quality of Life grant will support the purchase of a fleet van with a lift to facilitate the pick-up and delivery of donated wheelchairs.

Sports and Recreation

The Adaptive Sports Foundation, Inc

Windham, NY

\$5,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to underwrite the purchase of

adaptive ski and snowboard equipment for the Gwen Allard Adaptive Sports Center.

Disabled Businesspersons Association

San Diego, CA

\$8,000

This grant will help to support the “Challenged America Sailing Program.” Specifically, the award will help to underwrite the repair of three “sip and puff” devices and purchase of sails for three Martin 16 sailboats.

Northeast Disabled Athletic Association, Inc.

Burlington, VT

\$9,576

This Quality of Life Challenge Grant will help to support the Adaptive Sailing Program, and is contingent upon the organization raising \$12,500 for one Martin 16 sailboat. Once this goal is reached, the CRPF award will be used to help underwrite the purchase of sails, rigging and adaptive system for two Martin 16 sailboats, and any surplus funds may be used towards the purchase of the second sailboat.

Therapeutic Riding

Council of Churches of the Ozarks

Springfield, MO

\$2,600

This Quality of Life grant will help to fund six Therapy Scholarships at Therapeutic Riding of the Ozarks (TRO), a project of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks. TRO is the only therapeutic riding center in the region to have been awarded Premier Accreditation by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA).

Magnolia Farms Therapeutic Riding Center

Wilson, NC

\$3,000

This Quality of Life grant will help to underwrite the construction of a handicap accessible restroom at this small NARHA center in rural eastern North Carolina. Many of the center’s therapeutic riding clients travel from surrounding counties, and an on-site accessible restroom will greatly enhance the value of their experience.

Ranch Community Services, Inc.

Menomonee Falls, WI

\$3,800

This Quality of Life grant will help to support “S.O.A.R. for Siblings, Too,” a therapeutic riding program that serves the entire family. Specifically, the award will help to fund the cost of riders’ fees and assessments. While children with paralysis benefit from therapeutic riding, their siblings enjoy the miniature golf course, nature trails and barnyard animals at the center. Families have opportunities to participate together in a variety of accessible outdoor activities before or after the riding lessons.

