myTEAM Triumph of Missouri RECEIVES \$20,700 QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT FROM THE CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION FOR Freedom on Wheels

JACKSON, MO– (7/13, 2023) – myTEAM Triumph of Missouri is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$20,700 as part of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC) 2023 1st Cycle Direct Effect Quality of Life grants. Fifty grants totaling \$1,017,772 were awarded. 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 3,700 grants totaling \$41 million have been awarded. Funding for this program was made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL grant #90PRRC0006-02-00).

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 Direct Effect Quality of Life grants program funds organizations up to \$25,000 to support a wide range of projects and activities that will impact individuals living with paralysis and their families.

"Each of these awards brings forth a celebration," said Mark Bogosian, Director, Quality of Life Grants Program, Reeve Foundation. "We celebrate the amazing organizations and their dedicated staff who strive to ensure accessibility and inclusivity within their programs. We celebrate the opportunities these grants provide through the wide array of projects funded. Above all, we celebrate the strength of our community – and its commitment to enhancing the quality of life of people living with paralysis."

myTEAM Triumph of Missouri will use the grant for the purchase of 2 Duet eBikes to be used for Freedom on Wheels, a program designed to give the experience of movement to people with limited mobility in nursing homes, schools, community organizations and events.

Debbie Leoni, President of myTEAM Triumph, states, "We are honored to be a recipient of this grant and are eager to share the gift of movement and community with those with limited mobility."

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 www.ChristopherReeve.org or call 800-225-0292.

myTEAM Triumph Mission

To enhance the health and well-being of individuals with disabilities by fostering lasting, authentic relationships through the teamwork environment of endurance athletics

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