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Tucson Loan Chest Receives Quality of Life Grant Christopher Reeve Foundation

Grant to have direct impact on people living with paralysis in Pima County.

The Christopher Reeve Foundation (CRF) recently announced that Tucson Loan Chest, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) of Southern Arizona, has been awarded a \$5,000 Quality of Life grant. The CRF awarded a total of \$717,404 in Quality of Life grants to 90 nonprofit organizations around the world. Since 1999, when the Quality of Life program was conceived by the late Dana Reeve as a way for the CRF to help improve the day-to-day health and well-being of those living with paralysis, 1,163 grants totaling \$9,220,980 have been awarded.

"The Christopher Reeve Foundation is proud to carry on Christopher and Dana Reeve's amazing legacy and make a real difference in the lives of people living with paralysis, their families and communities, said Kathy Lewis, president and CEO of the CRF. "Our Quality of Life grantees help thousands of individuals *Go Forward* to lead happier – and healthier - lives."

CRF Quality of Life Grants are awarded twice annually to programs or projects that improve the well-being of people living with paralysis, particularly spinal cord injuries. Awarded in 13 categories that span everything from health promotion to employment to sports to recreation, Quality of Life grants address many aspects of life, and are given to programs across the globe. For more information about the Quality of Life Program or the grant application process, please contact the Quality of Life Department at 1-800-225-0292 or visit our website at www.ChristopherReeve.org for a complete list of the Quality of Life grant recipients.

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.

Since 1941, JFCS has provided a variety of social services to the community; serving people of all races, religions and ethnic origins. JFCS programs include Counseling & Support Services, Services for Older and Disabled Persons, Home Services, Refugee Services, and Community and Volunteer Services. JFCS operates Tucson Loan Chest and provides continuing education classes for people working in human services. Visit JFCS and the Tucson Loan Chest at www.jfcstucson.org

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