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**Toms River Field of Dreams is granted
coveted grant for \$20,000.00**

The Toms River Field of Dreams RECEIVES a \$20,800.00 QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT FROM CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION FOR “TWO ZIP-LINES at the RWJ Barnabas Health Field of Dreams at the Ocean Orthopedics Complex”

Toms River, New Jersey – February 1st 2021 – Toms River Field of Dreams is proud to announce that it has been awarded **\$20,800.00** as part of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) 2020 2nd Cycle Direct Effect Quality of Life grants. Fifty-one grants totaling \$925,492 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 3,300 grants totaling over \$32 million have been awarded. Funding for this new cycle of grants were made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living (ACL grant #90PRRC0002-03-00).

The Reeve Foundation 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 organizations up to \$25,000 to support a wide range of projects and activities that will clearly impact individuals living with paralysis and their families.

“This past year has brought about many extreme challenges to the organizations that we work with and the people we collectively serve,” said Mark Bogosian, Director, Quality of Life Grants Program, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. “This cohort of grantees and their ever-important projects are a beacon of light as we navigate our way through a new year. There are still challenges ahead, but I know that together we will continue to move forward to overcome obstacles and barriers that affect the over 5.3 million Americans living with paralysis and their families and caregivers. I have complete confidence that these new projects will lead the way to a better tomorrow.”

The Toms River Field of Dreams will use the grant for the purchase of two Zip Lines for its full inclusion playground and complex. These two zip lines will allow those of limited physical ability or permanently disabled to enjoy full inclusion fun with all members of the community..

Mary and Christian Kane, co-founders of the Toms River Field of Dreams, for over the past four years have campaigned for the construction of a special needs complex for those of any age and disability. This grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation will assist in providing the necessary equipment to ensure physical activity and full inclusion for disabled communities in Monmouth, Burlington, and Ocean Counties. They are grateful for this wonderful grant as it reaffirms our foundation’s motto: “Because Inclusion Matters.”