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LOS ANGELES ART ASSOCIATION/GALLERY 825
RECEIVES QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT FROM
THE CHRISTOPHER AND DANA REEVE FOUNDATION

Grant to have direct impact on people living with paralysis in Southern California

Los Angeles, CA - The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation (CDRF) announced today that Los Angeles Art Association (LAAA)/Gallery 825 has been awarded a \$5000 Quality of Life grant. The CDRF 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 and Dana 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 Peter Wilderotter, president and CEO of the CDRF. “Our Quality of Life grantees help thousands of individuals Go Forward to lead happier – and healthier – lives.”

Los Angeles Art Association and The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation present:
“Access and Opportunity for Artists Challenged with Paralysis and Spinal Cord Injury” A very special art exhibition featuring the work of artists challenged with paralysis and spinal cord injury at Los Angeles Art Association’s prestigious Gallery 825 on August 23 -25, 2007. Opening reception will be at Gallery 825 on August 25, 2007, 6-9pm. LAAA believes that the visual arts offer a powerful means for people with disabilities to think, understand, communicate and create in new ways. This exhibition will acknowledge and celebrate the contributions that artists with Paralysis and Spinal Cord Injury make to the cultural and economic life of our community through their art.

LAAA Executive Director Peter Mays emphatically states: “As an 82 year old non-profit organization committed to providing greater access and equity for all Southern Californian artists, LAAA believes that this important exhibition made possible by The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation will extend the benefits of our mission to artists with Paralysis and Spinal Cord Injury, thereby raising public awareness and appreciation of their talents and abilities”.

CDRF 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 and 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.Christopher-Reeve.org for a complete list of the Quality of Life grant recipients.

The Christopher and Dana 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.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Los Angeles Art Association’s (LAAA) mission is to provide opportunities, resources, services and exhibition venues for emerging Los Angeles. Having launched the careers of many high-profile artists, LAAA continues to play a central role in the Los Angeles arts community by providing artists and the public with exceptional exhibitions and programs, as well as a forum for exchange and education through lectures, workshops and networking opportunities. LAAA believes that all artists (including underserved populations) are worthy of support, exposure and validation. www.laaa.org

Providing resources, services and opportunities to emerging artists at two locations



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