**MOBILITY BUILDERS RECEIVES $4,100 GRANT FROM CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION FOR THE “2014 – WHEELCHAIRS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN UNDERSERVED PERUVIAN COMMUNITIES PROJECT”**

**SEATTLE, WA – (AUGUST 9, 2014) – MOBILITY BUILDERS** is proud to announce that it has received a **$4,100** Quality of Life grant from the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. The award was one of 73 grants totaling over $537,550 awarded by the Reeve Foundation to nonprofit organizations nationwide that provide more opportunities, access, and daily quality of life for individuals living with paralysis, their families, and caregivers. Conceived by the late Dana Reeve, the program has awarded 2,380 grants totaling over $17.6 million since 1999.

Mobility Builders, along with our partners in Lima, Peru, will use the grant to design, build and deliver 20 custom wheelchairs to children who would otherwise not have them or would be confined to wheelchairs that do not properly fit. Poorly fit wheelchairs may create a set of secondary complications such as restricted breathing and may exacerbate postural issues.

This specific batch of wheelchairs will also serve as a training platform for a new group of therapists in Peru. This will allow Mobility Builders to continue to help provide wheelchairs remotely with minimal input.

This project would not be possible without the generous donation from the Reeve Foundation. With their help 20 more children will experience the world in an entirely new light. The caregivers of these children will be afforded a freedom of their own and some cases will be allowed to return to work. It is not an overstatement to promise that this grant will change entire communities.

“Giving the gift of independence for individuals living with paralysis is why the Reeve Foundation Paralysis Resource Center was created. We are honored to provide these organizations with Quality of Life grants to help make this vision come true for the paralysis community nationwide,” said Donna Valente, Quality of Life Grants Director, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. “The organizations receiving these grants will offer much needed services that will bolster their communities and strengthen the lives of those accessing these critical programs and resources."

[The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program](http://www.christopherreeve.org/qol) was created to address the myriad needs of children and adults with paralysis and other mobility impairments and their families. Grants support critical life-enhancing and life-changing initiatives that improve physical and emotional health and increase independence. Funded projects offer a diversity of services and approaches: improving access; providing education and job training; sponsoring organized sporting activities; and much more. Quality of Life grants are funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Award #U59DD000838).

***About the Reeve Foundation***

*The Christopher & 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. We meet all 20 of the Better Business Bureau’s standards for charity accountability and hold the BBB’s Charity Seal. The Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) is a program of the Reeve Foundation,**and is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Award No. U59DD000838. For more information, please visit our website at* [*www.ChristopherReeve.org*](http://mail.mww.com/exchange/JMorgan/Inbox/National%20Quality%20of%20Life%20Release.EML/National%20Quality%20of%20Life%20Release.doc/Local%20Settings/mgoldberg/Documents%20and%20Settings/mgoldberg/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Documents%20and%20Settings/reh/Local%20Settings/Application%20Data/Microsoft/Word/www.ChristopherReeve.org) *or call 800-539-7309.*

***About Mobility Builders***

# *At Mobility Builders, we create customized and cost-effective wheelchairs for people with disabilities in developing countries. We strive to create a*[*process*](http://www.don-baker.com/)*that can be utilized across the globe to build affordable, customized wheelchairs using local resources for the 65 million people in the world who need wheelchairs. For more information, please visit our website* [*www.MobilityBuilders.org*](http://www.MobilityBuilders.org) *or call 206-395-5502.*

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