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**Trach Mommas of Louisiana Receives \$24,990 GRANT FROM CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION
“The POWER to Save Lives” Power Inverter Project**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana – March 1st, 2018– Trach Mommas of Louisiana (TMOL) is proud to announce that it has received a **\$24,990** Quality of Life grant from the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. The Quality of Life program awards grants to fellow nonprofits that mirror the Reeve Foundation’s mission and commitment to foster community engagement, enhance independence and promote healthy self-esteem.

Trach Mommas of Louisiana will use the grant for **“The POWER to Save Lives” Power Inverter Project**. This project will provide power inverter technology in vehicles that will have the ability to power most home medical equipment. Each recipient will receive the installation including parts and labor of the power inverter technology and emergency preparedness training. This power inverter installed in vehicles will allow long distance transport of an individual with a tracheostomy that requires medical equipment with substantial power requirements.

“Trach Mommas of Louisiana is honored to receive this grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. This grant will give us the ability to help save lives. Transporting an individual with medical complexities especially in times of crisis such as evacuation from disasters can be a life-threatening situation without needed equipment. We are grateful to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation for their generous support,” said Angéla Lorio, Founding Partner of TMOL **“This will not only save lives but greatly improve quality of life by giving freedom and independence, to be an active part of the community,”** Jessica Michot, other Founding Partner of TMOL.

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, a national nonprofit dedicated to improving quality of life for individuals living with paralysis, announced it has awarded \$809,291 to 90 nonprofits nationwide during the 1st grant cycle of 2017. The Quality of Life program conceived by the late Dana Reeve has awarded over \$22 million in grants to 2,956 programs since its inception in 1999. Funding for the grants is made available through the Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) operated by the Reeve Foundation under a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“We are continually looking for new ways for individuals living with paralysis to reintegrate themselves into the community through our grant recipient programs,” said Maggie Goldberg, VP of Policy and Programs. “Whether it is a small grant for a ramp to access a public building, or a larger award to support an accessible playground or create a transportation service, each project brings us closer to our ultimate goal of full inclusion and independence.”

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 Administration for Community Living (cooperative agreement number 90PR3002). For more information, please visit our website at www.ChristopherReeve.org or call 800-539-7309.

Trach Mommas of Louisiana provides support, advocacy and emergency preparedness and disaster relief.

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