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Jane Frieden, The Boston Home resident (TBH) and artist; and Elizabeth Colburn-Moraites, TBH Trustee and artist, enjoy Jane's painting at the recent Dorchester Arts Collaborative Open Studios held at TBH.

The Boston Home Receives Grant from Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation for Arts Program

Dorchester, MA —The Boston Home (TBH) recently received a Quality of Life grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation (CDRF). The grants recognize nonprofit organizations that help people living with disabilities become more fully integrated members of society. TBH is a specialized residential facility for adults with advanced Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases.

“The Boston Home is honored to receive this grant and we will use this award to expand on our arts program and upgrade assistive technology so we can further enable the creative expression of our residents,” said Florence Rawls, Director of Community

Development at TBH. As an example of its innovative arts initiatives, Rawls said that TBH was recently one of 10 Dorchester Open Studios sites. In the community-wide exhibition 19 residents joined 80 area artists. TBH is working with the Dorchester Arts Collaborative and will participate in future open studios.

“Across the country, countless organizations are dedicated to improving the quality of life of people living with disabilities such as paralysis and are essentially unsung heroes,” said Peter T. Wilderotter, President of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundations. “TBH is one such organization that shares CDRF’s passion to enable people living with disabilities to overcome everyday challenges. We are honored to award TBH with a Quality of Life grant that will help the organization.”

Begun in 1999 by the late Dana Reeve, the CDRF Quality of Life grant program recognizes the numerous needs of people with disabilities, primarily paralysis, and their families, and the importance of providing services and programs that enable them to participate in all areas of life. To date, CDRF has provided 1,262 Quality of Life grants totaling over \$10 million to organizations that help improve opportunities, access, and day-to-day quality of life for these individuals and their families.

Founded in 1881, The Boston Home is a not-for-profit, specialized care residence for adults with advanced Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases. The Boston Home is recognized as “the standard for care of adults with MS” by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Boston Home is the only facility of its kind in New England and one of only a few in the United States. The Boston Home Institute advances standards for care through research and education. The Boston Home

Outpatient Services provide therapeutic and social programs for outpatients. For more information, visit www.thebostonhome.org.

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. For more information, please visit www.ChristopherReeve.org or call 800-225-0292.

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