

QUICK FACTS.

▶ **SPINAL CORD INJURY CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE, ANYTIME.**

Millions of people are currently dependant on a wheelchair after having sustained a spinal cord injury. Every year, at least 250,000 people sustain a spinal cord injury, followed by paralysis.*

The main causes are: 50% traffic accidents, 25% falls, 16% others (e.g. assault), 9% sports.

▶ **WE BELIEVE IN A DIFFERENT FUTURE.**

Scientists agree: Injured neurons are able to regenerate. Spinal cord injury will be curable one day.

▶ **SPINAL CORD INJURY MUST BECOME CURABLE.**

The Wings for Life Spinal Cord Research Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for spinal cord injury. It was founded in 2004 by Red Bull CEO Dietrich Mateschitz and the two-time motocross world champion Heinz Kinigadner.

▶ **WINGS FOR LIFE FUNDS CUTTING-EDGE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.**

In order to realise its vision, Wings for Life supports and finances world class scientific research and clinical trials around the globe aimed at healing the injured spinal cord.

In addition, Wings for Life facilitates the sharing of scientific knowledge.

▶ **124 RESEARCH PROJECTS.**

To date**, Wings for Life has funded 124 spinal cord research projects worldwide. Our scientists work at well respected institutes such as Cambridge University (UK), Harvard Medical School (USA), Karolinska Institute (Sweden) and Charité Berlin (Germany).

▶ **€1 DONATION = €1 FOR RESEARCH.**

Wings for Life guarantees that 100% of donations are spent on spinal cord research as the Red Bull company covers all administrative costs.

▶ **INCREDIBLE SUPPORT.**

Wings for Life has many ambassadors who support their work including former Formula One driver David Coulthard and alpine ski racer Lindsey Vonn.

▶ **www.wingsforlife.com**

* International perspectives on spinal cord injury, World Health Organization, 2013

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