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First Volley™ Named USTA Adaptive Tennis National Award Winner

Langhorne, PA – November 21, 2007- First Volley™, OPAF's adaptive tennis clinic has been named the USTA Adaptive Tennis National Community Service Award Winner for 2008. Recipient of the award must have been in existence for, or conducted a program, for a minimum of three consecutive years, and be registered, or connected with a registered, USTA Adaptive Tennis program. Further, the program or program leader should have demonstrated continued excellence, dedication, and service in tennis for Adaptive Tennis or those with disabilities.

“We are so pleased with this recognition from USTA on a national level. It continues to give credit to First Volley as a quality adaptive tennis program aimed at amputees and those with physical challenges” said OPAF Executive Director, Robin Burton.

The award will be presented at the USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop to be held in Las Vegas in February, 2008. USTA will be sending a media crew to Pennsylvania to film a short documentary on First Volley which will premier at the Las Vegas Awards Dinner.

First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinics aim to introduce or re-introduce ambulatory players to tennis skills and drills that they may have thought lost to them. Founded in 2005, First Volley provides excellent tennis instruction to amputees and those with physical challenges who wish to try tennis but choose not to sit in a wheelchair to do so. In 2007, OPAF hosted twelve First Volley clinics across North America and more clinics are being scheduled now for 2008. OPAF's goal is to promote health and fitness for those we serve.

If you would like information on hosting a First Volley Clinic for your patients and your community, please contact the OPAF office at 215-752-5756 or rlb@opfund.org. It is a great way to give back to your industry and your patients and serves as an excellent marketing tool.

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