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First Clinics return to Los Angeles Area

Langhorne, PA – July 19, 2007 The Orthotic & Prosthetic Assistance Fund, Inc. (OPAF) hosted two of their First Clinics recently in the Los Angeles Area to promote health and fitness programs for amputees and those with physical challenges served by the O & P community.

First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinic was held at the Alta Vista Tennis Courts in Redondo Beach on Saturday, June 30. First Volley is adaptive tennis for ambulatory players, and wheelchair players are welcome to join. Over a dozen participants, both wheelchair and those on their “own two feet” were put through their skills and drills by First Volley instructor, Stan Backovsky, and wheelchair champion, Amy McKnight. Frank Elliott and wife Doris drove in from Bakersfield for the chance to get top quality instruction and enjoy the day. First Volley was hosted by the Mutual Amputee Aid Foundation of Los Angeles with the help of sponsors, TiMed and Kingsley Manufacturing who offered volunteer ball chasers as well as refreshments.

OPAF and MAAF hosted First Swim on Sunday, July 1 at the pool facilities of the YMCA Westchester. First Swim is an adaptive swim clinic for amputees and brought together all new faces for the clinic. Led by OPAF Board Member, Lauren McVey, with the expert assistance of Peter Harsch, CP from the Navy Medical Center in San Diego, First Swim offered one on one instruction to attendees for their specific needs both in and around the pool. Freedom Innovations sponsored First Swim t-shirts for everyone at the clinic, including participants, volunteers and the wonderful staff at Westchester YMCA.

For more information on how you may host an OPAF First Clinic for your patients and your community, contact OPAF Executive Director, Robin Burton at 215-752-5756 or rlb@opfund.org.

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