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On behalf of the OPAF board of directors, we are pleased to offer a summary of the Fund's accomplishments during the past year, October 1, 2001 to October 1, 2002. The one-page document below highlights OPAF's work in five key areas: programs and partnerships, research and community service, administration, fundraising, and publicity.

Thanks to *everyone* – our board of directors, our sister organizations AAOP, ABC, and AOPA, our contributors, and our program partners and volunteers – for supporting OPAF as we have grown its representation of O&P in both community and philanthropic circles. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to expand the organization in new directions and touch the lives of more individuals.

OPAF is a nonprofit organization, a 501(c)(3) public charity, established and incorporated in January 1995 by the Orthotics and Prosthetics National Office. Dedicated initially to providing financial and in-kind support to the 1996 Paralympics, the Fund now generates its own initiatives through partnerships with individuals, organizations, and institutions engaged in raising public awareness of disability and improving the quality of rehabilitation medicine, science, and technology. Our primary mission is to offer programs that enable individuals with physical disabilities - especially those served by members of the orthotics and prosthetics community - to enjoy the rewards of personal achievement, physical fitness, and social interaction.

In the coming year, we look forward to working with more members of the O&P community to expand OPAF's services in order to achieve two key goals: reach more individuals who use prostheses and build more substantial connections to those who use orthoses. Your continued support of our work will help us attain our objectives and reach unprecedented levels of direct public service. *Thank you.*

If you are attending the upcoming AOPA National Assembly, please stop by our booth, #1046, to say hello and to learn more about OPAF's recent accomplishments and plans for 2003 and beyond.

With all best wishes,

Jeffrey S. Reznick, Ph.D.

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Selected OPAF Accomplishments: October 1, 2001 to October 1, 2002



These and other accomplishments are detailed on our web site at
<http://www.opfund.org/announcements/index.html>

Programs and Partnerships

- Administered 4 Fitness for Everyone clinics, serving 120 individuals, families/friends, and medical professionals
- Administered 3 OPAF-NAGA First Swing clinics, serving over 30 individuals, families/friends, and medical professionals, and expanded OPAF-NAGA partnership
- Established the OPAF Washington DC Community Initiative and through it administered 7 visits to DC's Hospital for Sick Children in cooperation with the District of Columbia Jewish Community Center (DCJCC)
- Established 12+ new community partnerships to strengthen our programs and public representation of O&P
- Established the OPAF Speaker Program, by which Dr. Reznick has received and accepted 4 invitations from professional organizations and public interest groups to speak about the Fund, its initiatives, and the recent history of rehabilitation science, medicine, and technology
- Established the OPAF Grant Program as a formal means of overseeing requests for funding received by OPAF
- Established the OPAF O&P Awareness Initiative in cooperation with our sister organizations, the cornerstone of which is our partnership with the Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress

Research and Community Service

- Facilitated practicum for a PT student, enabling her to bring information and materials about OPAF programs to a wide audience, including therapists from a variety of disciplines, prosthetists and orthotists, disabled individuals with varied etiology, and staff of large rehabilitation centers
- Assisted in development of an internship experience in the area of speech therapy for a recent college graduate
- Contributed, through the scholarship of Dr. Reznick, to public awareness of O&P by fielding over two dozen queries about the history of O&P and by giving Dr. Reznick the opportunity to complete two scholarly book reviews and advise in the development of *The Encyclopedia of Disability* (Sage Publications, 2004)

Administration

- Hired a new Director and Senior Research Fellow and a new Program Coordinator
- Designed and launched a new web site at <http://www.opfund.org>, through the generosity of OANDP.COM
- Developed and implemented a new and expanded strategic plan in line with our updated mission statement
- Streamlined internal bookkeeping commensurate with program, administrative, and fundraising growth
- Secured long-term, pro bono legal services from Morrison & Foerster, LLP
- Moved to modest new offices in Washington, DC, in the heart of the 501(c)(3) world where we will be able to serve the entire O&P community more comprehensively. Situated within walking distance of the Washington Council of Agencies and the DC branch of the Foundation Center, our new offices will enable us to:
 - connect with more individuals beyond O&P;
 - build new community programs that will extend our mission; and
 - enhance our representation of the entire O&P community in unprecedented ways

Fundraising

- Established The OPAF Legacy Program at the T. Rowe Price Program for Charitable Giving
- Established new, tiered levels of annual OPAF program sponsorship
- Held 2 successful OPAF golf classics and 2 silent auctions, all to benefit OPAF programs
- Established a relationship with New York-based artist Steve Keene to develop sale of colorful OPAF note and holiday greeting cards to benefit OPAF programs

Publicity

- Published monthly "OPAF Matters" in AOPA's *O&P Almanac*, thanks to the generosity of AOPA
- Received coverage of initiatives on www.militarylifestyle.com and www.oandp.com, and in *O&P Almanac*, *O&P Business News*, *O&P Edge*, and NCOPE's *Noteworthy*