



## Selected OPAF Accomplishments, 2004



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### Direct-Service Programs and Related Initiatives

- Administered and helped to publicize, through the OPAF Fit for Life program and in cooperation with the National Amputee Golf Association (NAGA) and O&P facilities nationwide, nearly a dozen First Swing clinics that assisted 100+ caregivers and individuals with disabilities in learning, or re-learning, the game of golf and, in so doing, gaining a greater sense of personal achievement;
- Provided, through the OPAF DC Community Initiative, weekly mentoring and leadership development to 100+ children and adolescents undergoing physical rehabilitation (and approximately 90% of whom use orthoses and related assistive technology) at the non-profit Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, DC;
- Administered the OPAF Grant Program, a formal means of overseeing requests for funding received by OPAF, awarding modest financial assistance to two 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charities that share OPAF's mission: The Sports Group and Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports;
- Received support from the Morrison and Foerster Foundation to begin replication of the OPAF DC Community Initiative across the country in the form of a new program, OPAF Community Connections;
- Involved six creative and team-minded college students in our internship program and therefore in a direct opportunity to learn about O&P, the nonprofit sector, and public service to individuals with physical disabilities. This fall, one of our interns will continue her O&P experience as she continues her formal education by enrolling in an O&P program;
- Awarded the first student scholarship associated with the OPAF Dale Yasukawa Memorial Fund; and
- Connected, through nearly two dozen OPAF Public Service Announcements (PSAs), communities of individuals, organizations, and federal and state agencies that have a direct interest in promoting the past, present, and future of O&P.

### Development (as of August 20, 2004)

- Received a second grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and first-ever grants from the Ramsay Merriam Fund, Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, and Wadsworth Golf Charities Foundation;
- Welcomed 5 annual gold sponsors (ABC; AOPA; Morrison & Foerster LLP; Ohio Willow Wood; Otto Bock Americas), 3 annual silver sponsors (AAOP; Össur North America; oandp.com), and 1 annual bronze sponsor (Hanger P&O), as well as 6 annual patron sponsors, 6 annual signature sponsors, and over two-dozen new friends of OPAF; and
- Received proceeds, for the third year in a row, from Primefare's annual golf tournament; held 2 OPAF Thranhardt Golf Classics 2 silent auctions, and, in cooperation with the Austin Grill restaurant chain, a charity dinner – all to benefit OPAF.

### Publicity

- Continued to publish monthly "OPAF Matters" in AOPA's O&P Almanac, thanks to the generosity of AOPA, and receive regular coverage in the *O&P Business News* and the *O&P Edge*, thanks to the generosity of Slack Incorporated and Western Media LLC, respectively;
- Invited by the Washington Council of Agencies (WCA) to receive an October 2004 "Spotlight" in the *WCA Nonprofit Agenda* (circulation to 16,000+ individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations in the DC metropolitan area);
- Saw visits to OPAF web site continue to exceed 1000+ unique visitors each month; and
- Represented O&P at government-sponsored volunteer fairs held by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services; at student-oriented events sponsored by American University, George Washington University, Howard University, Gallaudet University, and George Mason University; and on a second international research team organized by the Polus Center for Social and Economic Development.
- Continued to streamline internal bookkeeping, per (501)(c)(3) nonprofit best practices, and follow strategic plans commensurate with progress in programs, administration, and development.