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## **T.O.D.D. Field Day a Huge Success**

October 4, 2011- Minneapolis, Minnesota – T.O.D.D. Field Day, a day of adaptive recreational activities commemorating Todd Anderson, CP, FAAOP was an unparalleled success! The event held on Saturday, October 1 at the Northern Star Boy Scout Base Camp in Minneapolis saw over 250 attendees of various ages and physical challenges from across the Midwest arriving throughout the day to celebrate the life and adaptive athletic pursuits of Todd Anderson. Anderson, an Otto Bock Healthcare employee who passed away suddenly in August of 2010 was an avid sportsman, athlete, clinician and enthusiast of adaptive recreation. Otto Bock chose to honor and remember Todd with T.O.D.D. Field Day, with the acronym TODD standing for Taking Opportunities, Defying Disabilities. T.O.D.D. Field Day offered all that and so much more.

Under the brilliant blue skies of a perfect Minnesota fall day, activities included rock climbing, hockey, adaptive biking, golf, high ropes course, archery, cross country skiing as well as demonstrations of wheelchair basketball, soccer, rugby, adaptive and inclusive tennis and more. Vendors from over a dozen different nonprofit organizations, both locally and nationally were on hand to share information and their story to those in attendance. Food, fun and fellowship were all part of the day as well as a memory wall for attendees, family and friends to leave a memory of Todd as part of the celebration.

Otto Bock President, Brad Ruhl, was on hand, along with over 75 company employees and gave a touching and funny tribute to Todd. He remembered Todd's humor as well as his dedication and drive and spoke of T.O.D.D. Field Day becoming an annual event. The event was made possible by partnerships with Courage Center, Minneapolis rehabilitation center and OPAF & The First Clinics, representing the philanthropic arm of the orthotic and prosthetic community, Northern Star Base Camp and the help of countless volunteers and friends.

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