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Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics to Host Adapted Swim Clinic in Charlotte

August 22, 2011 – Waterloo, Iowa – Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics, a recognized national leader in prosthetic care will host a First Swim clinic for those with physical challenges on Saturday, October 22, 2011. The clinic will be held at the Johnston YMCA pool facility, located at 3025 N. Davidson in Charlotte. First Swim is a program of OPAF & The First Clinics who offer adapted recreational opportunities to those with physical challenges across the country. First Swim offers anyone with a physical challenge the chance to discover the great equality that water activities offer and will help participants feel comfortable both in and around the water. Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics offers First Swim to anyone who would like to try swimming as an activity for a lifetime.

First Swim will be led by Jason Wening, MS, CPO, a five time gold medal winning Paralympic swimmer. Jason, a bilateral below knee amputee, competed in the Paralympic Games in Sydney, Barcelona and Atlanta and now brings his expertise as a Paralympic swimmer and coach to First Swim for Ability. Jason serves as Director of the First Swim clinic program for OPAF & The First Clinics and will coach clinic participants from both the pool deck and in the pool. All participants need to bring is a desire and a smile! Jason will be assisted by Mabio Costa, a below knee amputee and tri-athlete. Both instructors will offer tips and coaching to improve swim ability.

Amy Street, CPO and managing practitioner of the Ability Charlotte patient care facility and staff are recognized industry leaders for both their outstanding care for their patients and the opportunities that they offer to their community. First Swim is just one example of that kind of giving back to the community and the patients they serve. Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics, Inc. evaluates, designs and fits patients with custom, as well as off-the-shelf, orthotic and prosthetic devices. They operate eleven patient care facilities in five states.

There is NO CHARGE for First Swim, but those interested are asked to register so that we are prepared. For more information and registration materials, please contact the Ability office in your area or call 704-372-7660 or email Amy Street at Amy.street@abilitypo.com Please visit their website at www.abilitypo.com or the OPAF website at www.opfund.org.