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Hanger Clinic in Austin hosts First Volley Tennis Clinic

November 27, 2017 – Charlotte, NC – Hanger Clinic of Austin recently hosted a First Volley Tennis Clinic at Caswell Tennis Center, a premier tennis facility in downtown Austin. Hanger Clinic staff along with over 15 participants and a volunteer group from Ottobock were on hand to develop their tennis skills and drills. Both ambulatory and wheelchair players were part of the group with children, adults and seniors all making tennis fun. Tennis instruction was led by First Volley Instructor, Stefan Blair who was assisted by Chad Smith and USTA Texas Director of Adaptive Tennis, Cindy Benzon.

All attendees were presented with a Hanger Clinic First Volley back pack with goodies inside, including First Volley socks, and more. Media coverage from Spectrum Cable was on hand for filming and interviews.

Comments back included:

“Great turnout and so much participation. I learned a lot and can’t wait to volunteer again”

Erin Mahoney, Hanger Clinic

“My daughter, age 7, had a lot of fun! Thank you so much”

Miranda Todd, parent

“Such a great clinic”

Rob Burcham, Amputee

Based on interest from the group and a willing volunteer and coach, Patricia Schoeneberg, wife of Hanger employee Jeff Schoeneberg, the program will continue in Austin and hopefully grow a larger base for adaptive ambulatory tennis.

 **Mindy Gardner** @mindyogardner · Nov 4
Thanks @HangerNews and @opaf for a really awesome adaptive tennis lesson today. We had a great time!!!







About OPAF: Serving as the philanthropic arm of the US orthotic and prosthetic community, the Orthotic & Prosthetic Activities Foundation (OPAF), develops, implements, partners and hosts adaptive recreational clinics for those with physical challenges. The First Clinics are recognized as leaders in adaptive recreation. Whether this is the first time a participant is trying an activity after illness, injury or episode or the first time they are ever trying, First Clinics offer top notch adaptive instruction specifically for them. Founded in 1995 to support the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, OPAF & The First Clinics have moved forward to offer introductory level adaptive recreation opportunities to everyone, not just the elite athlete. For more information on OPAF and The First Clinics, visit www.opafonline.org.