



## Shriners Kids Get a Taste of Tennis at First Volley Adaptive Clinic

**THEY SERVED. THEY VOLLEYED.** And they had lots of fun. On Saturday, November 19, patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Northern California spent a sunny, but brisk, morning getting into the swing of things at Rio Del Oro Racquet Club in Sacramento. The opportunity for physically challenged children to play tennis was organized by the Orthotics and Prosthetics Assistance Fund (OPAF) and supported in part by a grant from the United States Tennis Association, USTA Serves.



The First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinic was free of charge to all participants. Instruction was provided by certified instructors with years of experience working with amputees and physically challenged children.



In 2007 First Volley was named the United States Tennis Association Community Service Award Winner for Adaptive Tennis nationally. This recognition enabled the OPAF to take First Volley to areas where adaptive tennis instruction for ambulatory players is not available. OPAF has hosted First Volley Clinics at Shriners Hospitals for Children across the country. This is the second clinic OPAF has hosted in Sacramento in partnership with the Northern California Shriners Hospital.

To learn more about how you can join Shriners Hospitals for Children – Northern California in building a caring community, please call the Public & Community Relations Office at **916-453-2018** or send email to [ncal.info@shrinenet.org](mailto:ncal.info@shrinenet.org).

*In the Swing of Things: Representatives of the Orthotics & Prosthetics Assistance Fund joined USTA certified tennis instructors, volunteers, parents and patients of Shriners Hospital at the First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinic.*