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## **McKeever's First Ride a Success in New York**

October 22, 2010 – Waterloo, Iowa, - OPAF, along with sponsors Touch Bionics, Engineered Silicone Products, LLC and Prosthetic Orthotic Associates of Middletown, New York hosted a McKeever's First Ride on Sunday, September 12 at the premier facilities of Winslow Therapeutic Riding Center in Warwick, New York. This was the second year in a row that the event has been hosted at Winslow, an NAHRA (North American Handicapped Riders Association) barn. This was the third McKeever's First Ride event across the country in 2010.

Seven participants attended including a group from the NYU Amputee Support Group in Manhattan. NYU provided free transportation to anyone in the New York City area who wanted to attend. The inclement weather may have been a factor in the attendance, but everyone had a great time. Six of the seven were able to mount and ride, both in the arena and also for a short trail ride outside. All seven were able to spend quality time in the barn area, learning about grooming and groundwork as well as communing with the horses. A time for refreshments and socializing was also provided by Winslow. Three of the seven participants were repeat attendees from the 2009 McKeever's First Ride event at Winslow.

The Winslow staff was outstanding in dealing with circumstances as they arose and volunteering in all capacities. OPAF & The First Clinics are proud to have such an excellent partnership with Winslow Therapeutic Riding Center and our local event sponsors, Touch Bionics, ESP, LLC and POA.

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