

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **OPAF Welcomes BOC as Silver Level Sponsor for 2012**

December 1, 2011- OPAF & The First Clinics is pleased to announce that BOC International has signed on as a Silver Level Sponsor for 2012. This is a 100% increase over their Bronze Level Sponsorship in 2011. BOC has been a valued partner of OPAF & The First Clinics since 2009 with increasing sponsorships each year.

“BOC and OPAF share a passion for improving and enhancing the quality of life for patients served by the O & P community. All of us at BOC are delighted to continue our support of OPAF and their unique and important mission”, said Claudia Zacharias, BOC President and CEO.

“Sponsorships and donations are the lifeblood of small nonprofit organizations. BOC’s faith in our work with adaptive recreational opportunities for those with physical challenges means the world to us. First Clinics are making a difference in people’s lives,” said Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director.

BOC Accreditation/International ([www.bocusa.org](http://www.bocusa.org)) offers O & P certification programs in five professional areas – orthotists, prosthetists, pedorthists, orthotic fitters and mastectomy fitters as well as facility accreditation for O & P practitioners as well as suppliers of durable medical equipment (DME), pharmacies with related DME supplies, respiratory therapy and related supplies and other facility/practice specialties.

OPAF & The First Clinics ([www.opfund.org](http://www.opfund.org)), serving as the philanthropic arm of the United States orthotic and prosthetic community offer introductory recreational clinics to anyone with a physical challenge at no cost to any participant. The family of First Clinics includes adaptive tennis, swimming, social dance, therapeutic horsemanship, kayaking, scuba, golf and rock climbing with several new Firsts for 2012.

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