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Molly The Pony to be part of Upcoming McKeever's First Ride

June 1, 2010 – Atlanta, Georgia – Molly, an appaloosa pony, was abandoned and gravely injured in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Because of the extent of the wounds to her leg, she became an equine amputee with a prosthetic leg. Molly The Pony will be a featured part of the upcoming McKeever's First Ride on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Chastain Horse Park in Atlanta. McKeever's First Ride offers amputees and those with physical challenges the chance to experience the healing powers and benefits of horses. The day's events will include riding demonstrations, gentle horsemanship by renowned horseman, Ed Dabney, live music from Nashville singing star, Templeton Thompson, the chance to try adaptive riding for those who are interested, arts and crafts, refreshments and more all at the nationally recognized facilities at Chastain Horse Park. McKeever's First Ride is offered at NO CHARGE to any attendee.

“McKeever's First Ride is more than a tribute to my father, Dan McKeever, a pioneer in the orthotics and prosthetics industry. It is a chance to bring people together to show them that they have the potential to be the best that they can be and that the relationship with horses can be such a benefit to them. Dan McKeever believed in enriching the lives of those who use orthotics and prosthetics and McKeever's First Ride offers those kinds of opportunities for fun, fellowship and fitness,” said Deenie McKeever, daughter and visionary of McKeever's First Ride. This is the second year in a row that McKeever's First Ride has been held at Chastain. In 2009 the inaugural event was held in conjunction with the Amputee Coalition of America conference. Since that time two more clinics have been held in New York and in Iowa. McKeever's First Ride is just one of six adaptive recreational clinics hosted by OPAF and The First Clinics, the official philanthropic arm of the orthotic and prosthetic industry in the US. Adaptive tennis, golf, swimming, scuba, kayaking are also part of the First Clinics family. For more information, please visit our website at www.opfund.org.

The event will run from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, June 19. There is no fee for participants, but people are asked to pre-register so that we may be prepared. For more information and registration, please go to [www.mfr_registration@yahoo.com](mailto:mfr_registration@yahoo.com) or call Sally Davis at 678-371-5836.

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