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First Volley Tennis Clinics for Shriners Hospital for Children

Waterloo, Iowa – OPAF and The First Clinics are hosting First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinics for Shriners Hospitals for Children across the country in 2010. The clinics, made possible in part through funding from USTA Serves, offer adaptive tennis skills and drills for anyone with a physical challenge. Thus far in 2010, we have hosted clinics in Tampa with the No Limits Sports Day, in Salt Lake City at the Sports Mall Tennis facility in Murray, Utah and most recently, Philadelphia on our home courts at Bucks County Racquet Club in Washington Crossing, PA.

The Philadelphia clinic was the fourth year in a row that OPAF has hosted a First Volley clinic for Shriners. This year saw 22 clinic participants, including both Shriners kids, their families as well as adult players who came out to serve as examples of active amputees. Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia is also caring for several children from Haiti who were survivors of the recent earthquake. We were most fortunate to be able to host them and their families for this most recent clinic.

“First Volley, brings together patients of different ages and abilities, it is a great event to introduce the sport of tennis to patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children. We look forward to the event every year! The attendance continues to grow, many return, and many new kids too!! It is a great mix!” said Stephanie Spagnola, Shriners Hospital Public Relations in Philadelphia.

Next two Shriners Clinics will be held in Portland, Oregon as part of their adaptive sports camp on July 27 at Tualatin Tennis Center and with Shriners Sacramento at the Rio Del Oro Tennis facilities on September 4. OPAF and The First Clinics wishes to express our thanks to USTA Serves for their vision and support of adaptive tennis for amputees and those with physical challenges.