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Otto Bock HealthCare to host The T.O.D.D. Field Day on October 1

August 15, 2011 – Minneapolis, Minnesota – In tribute to the late Todd Anderson, CP, much loved employee, athlete and friend, Otto Bock HealthCare will be hosting T.O.D.D. Field Day on Saturday, October 1 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Northern Star Base Camp facility on the grounds of Ft. Snelling in Minneapolis. For this occasion T.O.D.D. stands for “Taking Opportunities, Defying Disabilities”. The event will offer multiple adaptive sport opportunities to try as well as team demonstrations and more. Adaptive archery, rock climbing, golf, yoga, hand cycling and self defense will all be part of the day along with on court demonstrations of wheelchair basketball and softball by members of Anderson’s teams. T.O.D.D. Field Day coincides with the launch of National Physical Therapy Month for October.

T.O.D.D. Field Day is made possible through cooperation with several groups. Otto Bock HealthCare is the event sponsor and creator of the T.O.D.D. Field Day. The Northern Star Boy Scout Base Camp will offer a stellar location and staffing for the day’s events. Courage Center, a leader in rehabilitation and adaptive sports in Minneapolis will be bringing staff and equipment for the day. OPAF & The First Clinics will offer their expertise with hosting adaptive sport and recreational clinics across the country.

“Todd Anderson was a friend as well as a colleague,” said Brad Ruhl, President and CEO of Otto Bock US HealthCare. “T.O.D.D. Field Day is the perfect way to honor his memory, by gathering together, trying out new sports and celebrating his life in motion.”

There will be no charge for the day’s activities but we do ask that everyone, participant and volunteer, register so that all facilities are set up appropriately. There will be a lot to see, a lot to do and a lot to experience with T.O.D.D. Field Day. The full day event will be held at Northern Star Base Camp, located at 201 Bloomington Road, Ft. Snelling, MN 51111.

Please mark your calendars for this special event to honor and celebrate all those aspects of Todd Anderson’s life and legacy. More information and registration can be found online at

www.TODDFIELDDAY.com

Todd Anderson was born in 1960 and spent his years in motion. Whatever role he played, he was fully engaged, taking on new challenges, reaching for new adventures and experiences, and often leaving those he touched changed for good. From an early age, his path encompassed sports of every variety, and he enjoyed nature as a sportsman, adventurer, and photographer. Most of all, he had a great passion for his family and all those he cared for. He was an eight-time National Tournament Most Valuable Player and Hall of Fame Inductee of the National Wheelchair Softball Association and a record holder in the 200m run World Record in Gothenburg, Sweden. He was a member of the United States Disabled Volleyball

team from 1993–1994, and he won multiple awards for archery. He always pushed himself to improve, to go from good to great, and to help others enjoy and explore new activities.

Anderson earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin, and post-graduate certificate in clinical education from Century College, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. In 1986 he was certified as a prosthetist by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC). He was one of the first clinicians to be recognized as a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (the Academy) in 2001—a reflection of his commitment to learning. He was the author of many respected clinical works, and presented to countless audiences. Most recently at Otto Bock, he opened the Innovation Center and launched the concept of Cooperative Care. His unerring compass kept everyone around him focused on improving care and outcomes for people with limb loss and other physical challenges. As Anderson himself said, he worked for people with limb loss and other disabilities—he just happened to do that work at Otto Bock.

“Todd brought a unique perspective to all that he did, always serving as the voice of the patient, acting with integrity and honor. He brought humor and compassion to every aspect of our work,” said Scott Schneider, President and CEO of Otto Bock North America.

T.O.D.D. Field Day will be a celebration for all to honor the person who epitomized that taking opportunities only defies disabilities!

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