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## **First Volley Scores USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Grant Again!**

Langhorne, Pennsylvania – December 7, 2007 – The Orthotic & Prosthetic Assistance Fund, Inc. (OPAF, [www.opfund.org](http://www.opfund.org)), founder of the First Volley™ Tennis Clinics, announces that they have been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the United States Tennis Association Tennis and Education Foundation. This is the second year in a row that First Volley has been a grant recipient from this division of the USTA.

These funds will represent eight First Volley clinics across the country for amputees and those with physical challenges who wish to try their tennis skills with certified professional instructors. “We are so honored to have been selected again by USTA Tennis and Education Foundation as a recipient of one of their grants. These funds will allow First Volley attendees to learn or re-learn tennis skills and get them involved in an active lifestyle again,” said Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director.

First Volley offers quality adaptive tennis instruction to amputees and those with physical challenges who wish to try their tennis skills, but choose not to sit in a wheelchair to do so. Our participants range in age from 5 to 80 and come to us with little or no tennis experience to playing league tennis with able bodied players. Adaptive ambulatory tennis drills and live ball action are all part of a First Volley Clinic. Wheelchair players are always welcome. OPAF is fortunate to have Prince Sports as a sponsor for our equipment and Hitting For Prizes segment for First Volley clinics.

Our next First Volley clinic will be Saturday, December 29 at Bucks County Racquet Club, located at 1150 Lord Sterling Road in Washington Crossing, PA from 1-4 pm. First Volley was recently named the USTA National Community Service Award Winner for Adaptive Tennis for 2007. The award will be presented at the USTA Community Development Workshop in Las Vegas in February, 2008.

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