



BROOKS SPONSORS FIRST EVER NORTHEAST FLORIDA HANDCYCLE RACE AND CLINIC

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., *April 2, 2007* – Brooks Rehabilitation is proud to be the Title Sponsor for the first ever Northeast Florida Handcycle Race and Clinic on April 14, 2007 in downtown Jacksonville . Handcycling is a fully integrated sport with disabled and able-bodied athletes competing together. This type of inclusive event is consistent with Brooks' community reintegration philosophy of rehabilitation.

The criterium race is one of eight events in the United States Handcycling Federation National Race Series. Elite athletes, including Monique Van Der Vorst, the current World Champion, and several paralympians with world and national championship titles will be participating along with local and regional athletes. The televised race will be held at 3:45 on a flat, fast course in front of the Jacksonville Landing with upwards of 10,000 spectators expected. \$2,300.00 in prize money will be awarded. Race information and online registration is available at www.jacksonvillecyclingclassic.com.

The Handcycle Clinic will run from 11-3 at race site. Current World Champion, Monique Van Der Vorst, along with Paralympians, Scott McNeice and Matt Updike, will instruct. The clinic will give individuals of all skill levels the opportunity to learn from the best. Clinic information and registration is available at (904) 910-9738.

The Handcycle Race and Clinic are the latest events to be offered by the new Brooks Adaptive Sport and Recreation Program. Through this community health initiative, Brooks strives to enhance the physical, social and emotional well-being of individuals with disabilities in the Jacksonville community. All ages and skill levels are invited to participate in weekly adaptive sport events including wheelchair basketball, rugby, tennis and handcycling. Brooks recognizes that providing these opportunities is key to improving the quality of life for the disabled members of our community.

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Serving the community for more than 35 years, Brooks has a long-standing tradition of providing quality inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation care to Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Our 143-bed acute physical rehab hospital is unique in the region with a highly trained staff and an unmatched range of services. We have an extensive network of outpatient centers as well as a cutting-edge research facility which allow us to provide the best continuum of care possible to the communities we serve. As a non-profit health system, we are deeply dedicated to meeting the needs and improving the health of our community. Brooks is more than rehabilitation. It's about being you again.