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**TRIPLE AMPUTEE AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER TO PRESENT
PROGRAM AT ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL ON JULY 27, 2009**

Belleville - In September 2001, Cameron Clapp was involved in a tragic train accident. He lost both legs above the knees and his right arm just below the shoulder. His family was informed by members of the medical community that he would probably never walk again, but Cameron was determined to prove them wrong. He now has several prosthetic legs which he uses for a variety of activities.

Clapp will be presenting his story at FREE, public event at St. Elizabeth's Hospital on **July 27, 2009** at 1:00 p.m. in the Centennial Room of the hospital. An open discussion time will be held after the program. This is an opportunity for those in the community who may have a physical disability or their loved ones to ask questions and learn from Clapp about the power of determination and a positive attitude.

The presentation is sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Hospital Outpatient Physical Therapy Services.

Just five months after Clapp's accident, he mastered walking independently. He now runs competitively, swims, and golfs. For everyday activities, Cameron uses the Hanger Complete System which includes the patented ComfortFlex(tm) Socket, a computerized knee, and an energy storing foot.

Clapp also utilizes a body powered upper extremity prosthesis for activities such as driving a car and eating. He has a swim fin attachment that he uses in the pool or while competing at the Challenged Athletes Triathlon as a member of a relay team. He swims the 1.2 mile open water portion of the event. He also competes each year in the Endeavor Games for athletes with physical disabilities in the 100, 200 & 400 meter sprints and swim events.

He has been featured on CNN, the Discovery Channel, People Magazine, The New York Times and many other publications and television shows. He also appeared on the NBC series "My Name is Earl" and the HBO Emmy award winning series Carnivale. He hopes to one day represent the United States as an amputee athlete competing in international athletic competitions. To learn more, visit www.cameronclapp.com

The program is co-sponsored by Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics Inc. It provides patient care services to more than 650,000 patients every year. With more than 600 patient care centers across the United States, Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics employs approximately 25% of the nation's O&P professionals.

About St. Elizabeth's Hospital St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Belleville, IL, maintains a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in 1875. Today, we continue their mission: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. St. Elizabeth's Hospital provides over \$44 million of uncompensated benefits and services for the poor, elderly, disabled and broader community in general. For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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