

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****October 5, 2007****200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777****(631) 474-6251 / (631) 476-5582 fax****Contact: Marilyn Fabbriante****Director, Public & External Affairs****Adaptive Sports Specialist Joins St. Charles Rehab Staff**

(Port Jefferson, NY) - St. Charles Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of William (“Bill”) Hannigan as Director of Adaptive Sports and Community Outreach. In his role at St. Charles, Mr. Hannigan will be organizing and implementing a variety of sports programs and support groups for persons with physical disabilities. Additionally, he will provide lectures for patients and families on adaptive sports and community activities and develop new and innovative programs for individuals with disabilities.

As a wheelchair user himself, Mr. Hannigan most recently served as Vice President, Sports and Recreation, United Spinal Association, establishing and managing partnerships with professional teams that link United Spinal to some of the most storied franchises in sports history—the New York Yankees, the Islanders, New York Mets, the NY Giants, the Nets, Rangers, Jets, and the New York Liberty of the Women’s National Basketball Association.

Mr. Hannigan also served as Senior Membership Consultant for United Spinal bringing disability issues to the attention of the health care industry and the community at large. He served as a liaison between individuals with disabilities and government and private agencies. In his prior and current role, Mr. Hannigan has organized educational workshops for individuals with disabilities, their families, and health care providers.

For more information on Adaptive Sports for persons with disabilities, please call 631-474-6134.

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