



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

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## **Johnson & Johnson Sponsors Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic**

**Snowmass, Colo.** – Thanks in part to the support of Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems Inc (JJHCS), more than 400 disabled veterans are expected to ski the Rocky Mountains at the 22nd National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, Colorado, near Aspen, from March 30-April 4, 2008. Recently wounded veterans from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan will participate in the event, which is the largest annual rehabilitation event of its kind in the world.

The clinic is open to all U.S. military veterans with spinal cord injuries or disease, visual impairments, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations or other disabilities who receive care at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facilities.

During the six-day program, veterans will learn adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing and be introduced to a variety of other adaptive activities and sports, such as rock climbing, scuba diving, snowmobiling and sled hockey. The U.S. Secret Service will also teach a course on self-defense for people with disabilities.

Through the generous support of JJHCS more than 200 first-time veterans and nearly 30 active duty combat-wounded soldiers will be able to attend the Clinic. JJHCS will also provide a group of employees to volunteer throughout the duration of the event.

“Year to year, we have consistently sponsored government initiatives and programs in support of both veterans and active-duty military and their families,” said Robert Holman, National Director, Government Accounts, Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems Inc. “We are once again pleased to serve as National Sponsors for the 2008 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic.”

Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems Inc. (JJHCS) sits at the center of one of the world’s largest and most respected health care companies. From managing customer relationships to contract management, e-business, and supply chain, JJHCS directs critical common functions on behalf of the sectors of Johnson & Johnson - Medicines, Nutritionals, Medical Devices and Diagnostics.

The company gives its customers the access they need to maximize their business opportunities.

The JJHCS Government Account team maintains strong, collaborative relationships with federal health care delivery systems and government agencies. Through this collaboration, the company shows its commitment to the special needs and requirements of this critical sector with high quality, cost-effective health care products and programs.

In addition to the host sponsorship of JJHCS, the event is co-sponsored by the VA and Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

“We are grateful to JJHCS for their care and commitment to our sick and disabled veterans,” said DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson. “Through their support of the Winter Sports Clinic, this company is continuing an outstanding tradition of care and support of our nation’s injured service men and women.”

The VA ([www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)) is a government agency that runs 1,300 health care facilities for veterans across the United States. DAV ([www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)) is a nonprofit, Congressionally chartered veterans service organization with a membership of more than 1.3 million wartime disabled veterans. The Winter Sports Clinic provides participants with a full range of sports, recreation and educational opportunities.

For more information on the event visit [www.wintersportsclinic.com](http://www.wintersportsclinic.com).

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