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## **Samaritan Multi-Services Centered on Living Foundation to Debut New Adaptive Sports Equipment from The Hartford at Kenner Hosted “Field of Hope” Event**

Kenner, LA- (March 28, 2025)- On Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, S.M.C.L. Foundation Associates Inc., a non-profit organization based in New Orleans, Louisiana and a member of the [Move United](#) network, along with the City of Kenner, will debut the opening of the newly designated Kenner Adaptive Sports Center located at Lincoln Manor Gym. Additionally new adaptive sports equipment purchased with a recently awarded \$30,000 grant from [The Hartford](#) will be on display. The Hartford and gold medalist Paralympian, Matt Scott will surprise a local 15-year old athlete with a custom-fit adaptive sports chair.

This brand-new event, **Field of Hope**, is set to begin at 10am on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lincoln Manor Gymnasium (3100 Tifton Street, Kenner) will be transformed into an adaptive sports center and host students from local area schools who will participate in wheelchair-based activities including pickleball, basketball, arts and crafts, bocce, and WCMX wheelchair, including a portable skate park ramp.

“This is another step in Kenner Recreation’s initiative to be a home and hub for adaptive sports for the extraordinarily abled,” said Mayor Mike Glaser.

Adaptive sports equipment is often a barrier to people’s participation in sports. Adaptive athletes pay approximately 15 times more for equipment than non-adaptive athletes. Over the past six years, The Hartford has gifted more than 7,500 pieces of adaptive sports equipment.

Event participants and partners include: Gold medalist Paralympian, Matt Scott, Jefferson Parish Schools, youth and adult athletes, Representatives from S.M.C.L. Foundation & Associates, City of Kenner’s Mayor, Michael Glaser and Other Representatives from the City of Kenner’s Administration and Recreation Department, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Bayou Gulf States Chapter, Naval Reserve Center (NRC) New Orleans Personnel, The Hartford and Move United.

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